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Russians warn against bombing as Nato's aircraft stay on full alert

Serb retreat lifts threat of air strikes

BY TOM RHODES AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL EVANS

■ Optimism is rising that the plan for the ceasefire around Sarajevo can be used as a model to freeze the fighting in other parts of the former Yugoslavia

THE threat of immediate air strikes against Bosnian Serb guns appeared last night to have been lifted, at least for the time being, despite the Serbs' failure fully to meet Nato's midnight deadline.

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia, said the withdrawal of Serb guns from around Sarajevo was proceeding "reasonably", and there was no immediate need for air strikes to enforce Nato's ultimatum to remove all the guns 12 miles from the city centre or hand them over to UN control.

General Rose said the Serbs had pulled out from 23 of 42 gun sites around the city and monitors had taken control of ten of the remaining 19. However, he admitted he did not know how many weapons the Serbs had to start with.

Heavy snowfalls hampered the withdrawal and also the UN's ability to make adequate checks. William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, told President Clinton last night that Serb gunners were "seriously attempting" to move their artillery away and he was cautiously optimistic that Nato air strikes could be avoided, a senior American official said.

As 400 Russian paratroopers arrived in Sarajevo, Vitali Churkin, the Russian envoy to former Yugoslavia, and General Piotr Dienekin, the Russian air force chief, issued new warnings against air strikes. General Dienekin said: "The first bomb dropped by a Nato plane will mark the beginning of war in Europe."

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, said his country disregarded the deadline. Speaking in the Czech Republic, he said air strikes would seriously damage East-West relations.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said he was confident the deadline would be met and that the Sarajevo agreement could be attempted elsewhere in Bosnia.

There were indications last night that the US is trying to negotiate a deal between the Muslims and the Croats which might lead to a loose confederation of seven regions instead of three republics envisaged under the Owen-Stoltenberg plan.

Five Nato defence ministers — from the United States, Britain, France, The Netherlands and Italy — met at Aviano, an air base in northern Italy, yesterday. Afterwards they issued a statement saying: "It is the hope of the ministers that the terms set (by Nato) will be met and that no air strikes will be necessary."

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said: "The moment of truth draws nearer as the clock ticks towards midnight."

President Clinton said the Western allies meant business. In a White House address to the nation, he said: "If the UN and Nato authorities find the deadline has not been met, Nato stands ready".

However, speaking at Aviano, François Léotard, the French Defence Minister, hinted at a more flexible approach when he said that failure to meet the deadline for technical reasons would be considered "case by case".

In Sarajevo, a senior UN officer said the Serbs had withdrawn their guns to the extent that they could no longer capture the city. He said up to half the estimated 550 guns and mortars would have to remain within the 12-mile exclusion zone under UN control because of the snow. The Serbs promised to hand over a complete list of such weapons to General André Soubirou, the French UN commander for Sarajevo.

Earlier Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy, admitted that between 10 and 20 per cent of the Serb artillery was unlikely to have been withdrawn or put under UN control. Control of weapons handed in by the Bosnian government forces and the Serbs was "becoming tighter and tighter and more effective," Mr Akashi said. Guns not handed over could be made inoperable, he added.

A senior UN official in Bosnia said that if a few Serb heavy arms remained in position after the deadline "we might decide to wait a few more hours, on condition they were precisely localised and there were only very few".

However, emphasising that the ultimatum was still as firm as ever, Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, said the decision whether to launch air strikes would be a military one. "There will have to be an assessment to see whether the Nato deadline has been complied with. Nato and the UN will assess that," he said. The next step would be to see if other areas of Bosnia needed similar help from Nato, he added.

Up to 180 Nato aircraft remained on full alert. Captain Donald Weiss, commander of the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, was replaced yesterday after suffering a heart attack.

The UN Security Council will discuss Bosnia today.

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Russian troops are cheered on arriving in Pale, headquarters of the Bosnian Serbs, ten miles from Sarajevo

Serbs savour the ashes of victory

FROM TIM JUDAH ON MOUNT TREBEVIC

IN THE gathering gloom, lorries poured down the rutted lanes, hauling their guns behind them. Tanks waited at the Grbavica crossroads and "Lenka", "Biljana" and "St Helena" were finally on the move. Stuck in position for almost two years, Serb soldiers had painted names on the great armoured monsters, each topped with an anti-aircraft cannon, that they had used almost daily to rain death on Sarajevo.

Toy mascots swung in the cabs of the lurching lorries as they heaved up and down the slushy, muddy tracks. In the Lukavica barracks to which heavy guns had been hauled, United Nations troops awaited orders to deploy. Others were fanning out across the mountains. Serbian soldiers laughed in the evening chill — forced by Nato's ultimatum to withdraw their heavy guns or face air strikes the mood on the ground has swung from fear and anger to lightheadedness.

"Why should we be angry," grinned a soldier whose family remains in the city his army has bombed, "we heard on the BBC that the war around Sarajevo is over and the Serbs have won."

From the Trebevic road, the city below lay shrouded in fog. At the checkpoint a policeman waved cars to a halt. "It's a very good day," he smiled "the war is stopped."

The Bosnian Serb army was rolling on mixed emotions. In the early days of the siege, Sarajevans said this was not a civil war but a war of city dwellers defending their town against peasants from the hills. It is a distinction that is coming back to haunt the Serbs.

The men from the hills never left their homes. They came from their villages to their positions and when their shift was over they went home. But, as the euphoria of the weekend wears off, the bitterness of the men from the city will bubble to the surface.

The Serbs from the town dreamt of raising their flag above the mosques and churches in their gun sights. Their hopes are slipping away. Joy that the fighting may be over will fade. They can see their homes from their trenches — but they will never, cannot, return.

Rajko, a former city dweller, did not believe the war was won. "For now it is not . . . that is the next part." But these claims sound hollow now. Slavisa, his friend, had turned up the fur collar of his greatcoat. With his goatee beard and twinkling eyes he looked the part of Trotsky at the height of the Russian civil war.

"Time is working for us," began Slavisa, who has also lost his home in Sarajevo. But then: "We lived in this town, we loved in this town, we

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Gay age of consent vote in the balance

BY JONATHAN PRYNN POLITICAL REPORTER

CAMPAIGNERS for reducing the homosexual age of consent from 21 to 16, bringing it in line with the limit for heterosexual sex, expressed growing confidence yesterday in the run-up to tonight's delicately poised free vote in the Commons.

The result is too close to call, with any of the three main options — reducing the age of consent to 16, reducing it to 18 and leaving it at 21 — remaining possible outcomes. The 18 option, likely to be supported by the Prime Minister and most other senior Cabinet ministers, is still regarded as the favourite to emerge victorious in what will be a night of high drama at Westminster.

However, gay rights groups believe the balance has shifted significantly in their favour over the past few days and they can now count on the votes of more than 270 MPs, including at least 30 Tories.

A spokeswoman for Stonewall, the gay and lesbian rights campaign group, said she was "delighted" that the Bow Group had sent Tory MPs a briefing paper over the weekend advocating a reduction to 16.

The campaign for equality of consent at 16 has also been helped by a procedural decision to hold the vote on that option, backed by Edwina Currie, the former junior health minister, ahead of compromise moves to reduce it to 18. Supporters were heartened by a poll of MPs conducted last month, and released yesterday by the BBC's *On the Record* programme, showing that almost half the respondents were prepared to support the 16 option.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, a senior Tory backbencher, said he favoured 18 because it was the age of majority and

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Five die as clear weather lures climbers onto peaks

BY JENNY SHIELDS AND RICHARD DUCE

FIVE people were killed and several injured as thousands of climbers and walkers ventured into the countryside at the weekend.

Rescue teams in Scotland dealt with a record number of emergencies. Experts said that unusually clear skies, which created "magnificent" climbing conditions not seen for several years, encouraged large numbers of climbers onto the peaks.

Two men died on Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, after falling more than 1,000 ft. Malcolm Stork, 32, and Nigel Walton, 34, were roped together for an ice climb when they fell from the 4,408 ft mountain's northeast face on Saturday afternoon. They were both electricians from Skipton, North Yorkshire, and had experience of climbing in Canada and the Alps.

John Buchanan, 30, an electronics engineer from Stonehaven, Grampian, and John Inglis, 31, a research scientist from Edinburgh, died after falling during an ice climb on Lochnagar, near Balmoral, on Saturday.

The body of a missing 51-year-old fell walker was recovered from Saddleworth Moor, Greater Manchester, early yesterday.

Among the injured was Nicholas Wood, 29, of Leeds, who fell 600 ft while climbing Creag Meagaidh, Highland. He was flown to hospital.

Lorraine Parkinson, 22, of Llanelli, also got into difficulties on the 3,708 ft peak but was taken down unharmed yesterday by Cairn Gorm mountain rescue team after sheltering in a cave overnight.

Bill O'Connor, a professional mountain guide, said that many climbers would have been unused to the conditions that had brought deep snow and ice to the mountains for the first time in five years.

☐ The veteran mountaineer Hamish MacInnes is to give up leadership of Glencoe mountain rescue team, which he founded, in protest at plans to let a BBC television crew film them in action.

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Jarman: controversial in work and lifestyle

Film maker Jarman dies

DEREK Jarman, one of Britain's leading film makers, has died after a battle against Aids. Mr Jarman, 52, made a series of innovative films, including *Sebastiane*, *Caravaggio*, *Wittgenstein* and *Blue*. He campaigned for gay rights including the age of consent.

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Major to get big welcome in US

PRESIDENT Clinton is preparing a special welcome for John Major to try to heal the growing rift between Britain and America. He will stay at the White House — the first Prime Minister to do so since Churchill.

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Stork: had climbed in Canada and the Alps

Smith offers deal to big business

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith will make an audacious move this week to win the confidence and support of big business for Labour plans to inject private cash into the state sector.

In an attempt to steal the Government's thunder on private investment in state-run areas, the Labour leader will team up with the architect of Whitehall's plans to attract more capital from businesses. Mr Smith will join Sir Alastair Morton, head of the Government's Private Finance Initiative, at a conference on Thursday aimed at proving the party's allegiance to British industry and commerce.

The conference will underline Labour's commitment to working more closely with private investors in improving the public sector. The presence of Sir Alistair will prompt comparisons with the Government's initiatives, which have been criticised for starting only a small number of planned projects.

Labour plans to go further than the government programme by extending private capital to areas well beyond the transport and construction sectors. In a radical policy document published today, Labour's economic team unveils the party's thinking on private investment, which could be widened to education and health services.

The document, *Financing Infrastructure Investment*, is based on work carried out by John Prescott, the shadow Employment Secretary and most prominent representative of the left. It will go some way towards dispelling the notion that Labour is ideologically opposed to the private sector, a belief that Mr Smith has worked consistently to disprove.

The document will form the basis on which Mr Smith and business leaders discuss their future relationship. It says: "Britain badly needs capital investment across the whole range of our infrastructure, from the railways to child-care facilities. One potent way of providing it is through promoting a partnership between public and private finance."

Conservative Central Office last night dismissed Labour plans as creative accounting. "People will see that, if Labour has to spend £10 billion, that still has to be raised somehow".

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Criminals 'who rent out weapons like cars' make arms easy to obtain





Armed police confront gunmen in London: Paul Condon fears that the easy availability of illegal guns and the threat of terrorism could make such scenes more common

Police increase gun teams in capital to protect men on beat

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

MOBILE police gun patrols in London are being strengthened amid Scotland Yard's concern at the increasing availability of illegal weapons and fear among ordinary officers of attack.

Speaking to *The Times*, Paul Condon, the commissioner of the Metropolitan police, disclosed that the Yard is to increase the manpower for armed response vehicles by 30-40 per cent and put more cars on the streets. He said that it was possible for someone to obtain a gun illegally within a couple of hours.

The aim is to dispatch armed officers to the scene of gun crime as quickly as possible to protect unarmed officers as well as to contain the criminals. In the past four months two London officers have been killed on duty.

A hundred officers are at present available to man the ARVs which are equipped with revolvers, Heckler and Koch carbines and body armour. A recent Yard survey showed they were dealing with 10,000 incidents a year and guns are drawn 200 to 250 times.

Mr Condon, speaking at the end of his first year heading the Yard, said the five armed cars on patrol night and day needed better response times. "Part of the regime of feeling safer on the streets is knowing you are only minutes away from armed back-up."

He said the availability of firepower was disturbing. If someone left his office at the Yard in central London and set themselves the challenge of getting a gun they could find one within a few hours. Mr Condon said there were now criminals "renting out guns as though they were running a car-hire business".

Last week Merseyside police found one of the most potent criminal caches of arms seen in Britain including eight sub-machine-guns. Mr Condon said: "I can imagine around London there are equivalent arsenals."

Mr Condon said he did not think that general arming of the police was inevitable but was more probable than it was five years ago. The move, though, was not necessarily going to reduce the risks officers faced. The number of armed robberies in London *last year fell by 40 per cent*, he said, and the number of shots fired in crime has fallen in recent years.

But while the number of gun incidents remains low the threat to officers is high. Mr Condon said: "The change has been a willingness to use violence, almost gratuitously." The death of PC Patrick Dunne in south London last October was one example. The people who shot him could have got away without killing him.

Reviewing the positive side of his first year, Mr Condon took pleasure from a crime drive that will show recorded crime in London dropped by 3 per cent last year. Clear-up rates are expected to rise by 2 or 3 per cent to about 18 per cent and car crime fell by 5 per cent.

Cash 'cannot buy good exam results'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

SOME of the most lavishly equipped and staffed schools get the worst exam results, John Redwood will tell Conservatives in Wales today in a speech aimed at re-opening the highly charged debate about the roots of academic success.

The Welsh Secretary will insist that high educational spending and classroom standards are not automatically *linked — a central tenet of* Labour policy and much professional opinion.

Mr Redwood will point to a few urban comprehensives that out-perform neighbouring schools with equally underprivileged intakes and rival those serving the middle classes.

"Leadership is what schools need. Schools do not live by cash alone." Mr Redwood will tell Conservatives in Rhondda.

An unpublished Welsh Office survey of secondary schools in the principality has found no link between spending per pupil and exam results. *In a finding echoing Mr* Redwood's squeeze on NHS bureaucrats, which brought him into conflict with Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, school inspectors have privately reported that high-spending schools are wasting money on employing too many senior staff with few classroom duties.

"In Wales, the schools that are doing worst receive one-third or more cash on top of the amount going to the schools that do best. It shows that money alone cannot bridge the gap," Mr Redwood will say.

"I want us to raise the sights of all our schools and to reap the benefits of the extra money we are putting into the less advantaged areas."



Redwood: 'Leadership is what schools need'

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Soldiers taste ash of victory

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dreamed in this town ... many beautiful nights." Rajko said: "We are not murderers, we have our friends there. We want to see our friends". He meant his Muslim friends. "We worked together, talked together, made love together."

Slavisa and Rajko's Sarajevo no longer exists. They have played their own small parts in destroying it but still the hope lingers. For 22 months *their guns have kept faith with* the siege. When it began in April 1992 the aim was clear. Sarajevo was to be a Serbian city, it was to be "liberated".

Sinisa fought in the northern suburbs. "By December 1992 we knew we would not do it. There was no order, but it filtered down from above. It would be too costly both militarily and internationally, with the whole world watching."

So they will never go home, and when the siege is really lifted their families and tens of thousands of Serbs trapped in the city will leave forever. "I would give a year's salary to walk through Sarajevo again," said Slavisa.

When would that be? "Maybe in ten or 20 years," Rajko mused, "when the blood has passed and the wounds have healed."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reynolds urges more time for Sinn Fein

Albert Reynolds and John Hume yesterday launched a concerted bid to shore up the Ulster peace initiative with pleas to give Sinn Fein more time to consider the Downing Street declaration. Mr Reynolds said that he was cautiously optimistic of a positive response from Sinn Fein.

Mr Reynolds told BBC1's *On the Record* that Sinn Fein was undertaking a difficult and delicate debate. "The fact that the declaration hasn't been rejected continues to give grounds for a reasonable hope that we will get a positive response in the end," he said. Mr Hume, the SDLP Leader, called on the Government to hold talks with Sinn Fein to clarify the declaration.

Yachtsman feared dead

A yachtsman who set off to row from the Starcross Fishing and Cruising Club on the River Exe in Devon to spend *Friday night on his 36ft catamaran*, moored half a mile off shore, is believed to have drowned. Two lifeboats and a Navy helicopter failed to find Malcolm Barlow, of Solihull, West Midlands. In Betws-y-Coed, north Wales, police divers yesterday recovered the body of Colin Unwin, 29, of Stoke-on-Trent, who drowned canoeing on the River Conwy.

TV licence crackdown

The campaign against television licence dodgers has been stepped up in the hope of catching 2,000 offenders a day, twice the usual number. Tony Kitt, licensing director, said: "We are determined to make sure that everyone who has a television buys a television licence." The offence carries a maximum fine of £1,000.

Cricket moves over

Live coverage of Test cricket is to move to Radio 4 long wave, the BBC has confirmed. *Test Match Special* will cover all six Tests against New Zealand and South Africa this summer, *plus all the one-day internationals. County scores will be on* Radio 5 Live, the news and sport network which begins broadcasting on March 28.

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Police warn drug users

Three drug addicts died within 12 hours in Glasgow, bringing to seven the number of drug deaths in the city in the past week. Police linked the deaths with supplies of unusually pure heroin and issued a warning to users. The latest victims were a woman and two men, one of whom was found with a drug-taking kit at his side.

Independent bid raised

A consortium backed by Mirror Group Newspapers yesterday increased its bid for *The Independent* to £74 million. It would make the founding editor Andreas Whittam Smith a millionaire on paper. The offer from the consortium, which includes Mr Whittam Smith, values his 7.4 per cent shareholding at £5.7 million. Bid details, page 36

Snow moves eastward

Snow is forecast today for eastern and central England, the London Weather Centre said, with up to five inches in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire and up to two inches on the east coast from East Anglia northwards. Snow fell yesterday in Wales, Devon, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and parts of Hampshire and Sussex.

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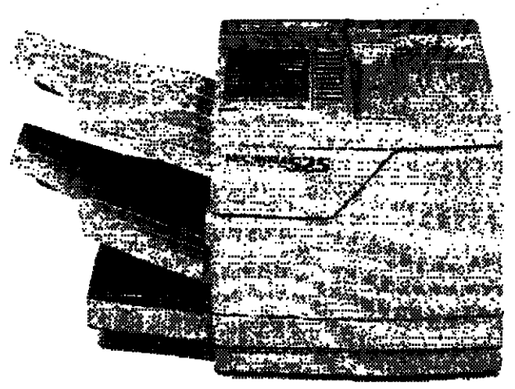
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Volunteers who relish tough challenge of mountain rescue

On a weekend which saw five die on Britain's mountains, Edward Gorman watched a successful rescue operation

THIS was the Keswick mountain rescue team at its best: an operation conducted in the dark at about 3,000ft in snow and ice with a wind gusting to 30 knots over the summit of Great End.

The barren crags of Upper Borrowdale in the heart of the Lake District glistened under a *wintry half moon on Saturday* evening.

Up on the Band, a ridge just 300ft from the summit, Mark Hodgson, the team leader, a local builder, worked with six others, among them a police constable, a hotelier, a national park ranger and a solicitor, to bring the stricken climber to a suitable winching point for the helicopter.

Below, other members of the team each carrying a powerful torch, made their way up the icy paths of Ruddy Gill bringing rope, extra lights, the two-piece aluminium stretcher and emergency oxygen and medical supplies.

Above the wind, the crackle of the team radio relaying instructions from Mr Hodgson to the team base in Keswick ten miles away, gave the operation a sense of military-style precision.

The decision to call in the RAF Sea King was taken within half an hour of the first team members reaching the casualty. He was an experienced climber in his forties who had tripped after losing one of his crampons and fallen about 100ft over rock spits and down a steep snow slope. There were fears that he might have broken his back.

One of his friends had made the four-mile descent to the farm in the valley to raise the alarm in just 35 minutes. By a stroke of good fortune the team was already in the area, having just rescued a nine-year-old schoolboy with a suspected broken leg, who had fallen on an icy scree slope.

Mr Hodgson, Michael Fanning, the solicitor, and Andrew Slattery, the policeman, were eventually able to lift the climber on to the stretcher and then painstakingly lower him on ropes about another 100ft to a suitable pick-up area.

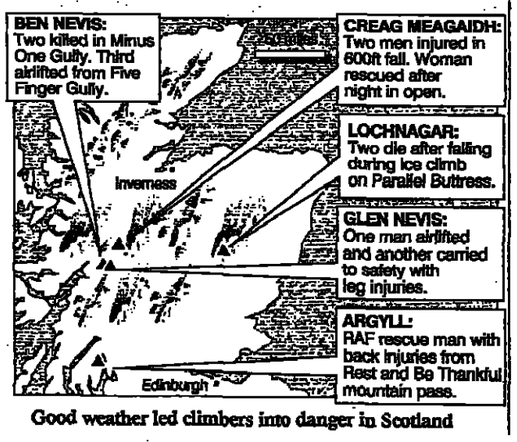
The Sea King took about an hour to reach the scene after being scrambled from RAF Leconfield. Normally Keswick uses a helicopter based at Boulmer, Northumberland, but this had been called out to the rescue in Scotland.

Among the 35-strong Keswick team, there is high admiration for RAF pilots who routinely bring their machines to within a few feet of disaster in often atrocious conditions on mountain rescue missions.

The climber was flown to hospital where he was found to have suffered a fractured vertebra and a broken rib.

The Keswick team are all volunteers. They are experienced walkers and climbers, and relish the challenge of helping those in distress.

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Good weather led climbers into danger in Scotland

Vote over gay age of consent in the balance

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because "young men mature later in life than young women, physically, mentally, emotionally and sexually".

Charles Kennedy, president of the Liberal Democrats, who supports a reduction to 16, said on LWT's *Crosstalk* programme: "If we go, as may well prove to be the outcome, to 18, all that will happen is that for several more years ahead there will be continuing votes to try and make it 16."

An opinion poll conducted by NOP for *The Sunday Times* showed that of people wanting a change to the law, three times as many favoured 18 as 16 for the age of homosexual consent. One in four people thought homosexuality should be made wholly illegal.

Gay rights campaigners gave a warning last night of "massive alienation and anger" if Parliament voted against an equal age of consent. Peter Tatchell, of the gay and lesbian rights group Outrage, said he would prefer the status quo to a vote for 18 which would "perpetuate discrimination and signal to gay people that they will continue to be treated as second class citizens".

There will also be votes tonight on the restoration of hanging, which are expected to result in defeats for supporters of capital punishment.

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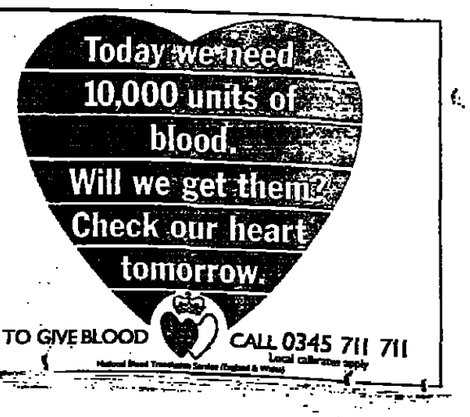
Bands face fresh cuts

MILITARY bands face fresh cutbacks as pressure grows on the Ministry of Defence to meet new Treasury budgets.

A decision was announced last year to cut the number of army bands from 63 to 29 and Royal Marines bands from seven to five by April 1995, shedding about 1,000 musicians' jobs.

Now the ministry's defence cost study, announced in November last year and aimed at saving £750 million each year from 1996-7 from support services, has been expanded to include music, uniforms, chaplains, dogs and horses.

Among the more radical ideas proposed by defence staff to provide savings were: to examine the time spent cutting the hair of RAF personnel; to charge more for the use of service assets in James Bond films; to scrap all in-house magazines; to forbid staff from visiting pubs during working hours; and to incorporate the RAF into the Army Air Corps.



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Tory MPs gloat over the halo of the Commons' Saint 'lying discarded and tarnished'

Beast of Bolsover silenced by reports of lapse in probity

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

DENNIS Skinner, the Beast of Bolsover and hard-left scourge of Conservative policies and peccadilloes for 24 years, displayed uncharacteristic reserve yesterday after lurid reports about his own private life.

The 62-year-old Labour MP, whose excoriating wit has discomfited many a Tory minister, was said to have had a secret relationship with his Commons researcher, Lois Blasenheim, 47.

Some on the Tory benches voiced delight, tinged with a little disappointment, at the disclosures. But all that Mr Skinner, speaking on behalf of himself and his wife, Mary, 61, would say was: "Four and a half years ago we agreed to split up and that was it."

Mr Skinner has proved a difficult target for his enemies to wing because of his almost unrivalled reputation for moral probity and hard work. He never accepts drinks, even coffee, from journalists and has the best voting record of any sitting MP.

He once said that he would not even turn out for the Commons' football team because his constituents might find out he had been playing on the same side as Tories. "And I don't do things because I don't think I'll be found out," he said.

It remains to be seen whether yesterday's revelations in the *News of the World*, appearing under the headline "*The Beast of Legover*", will open Mr Skinner to the kind of ridicule to which he has subjected ministers and backbenchers.

Phillip Oppenheim, Conservative MP for Amber Valley, and a frequent sparring partner of Mr Skinner in the Commons, said: "It is comforting to know that Dennis is human after all, but this does not reflect at all well on his researcher's tastes."

Michael Fabricant, the member for Mid Staffordshire, hoped that he and his Tory colleagues would now be "spared the poking, wagging finger from the Beast of Bolsover as his voice reaches another crescendo of moral outrage. The halo of the Saint of Bolsover lies discarded, tarnished in the gangway".

Labour officials at Westminster and in Mr Skinner's Derbyshire constituency yesterday gave him their full backing.

Gary Ransford, secretary of Bolsover Labour party, said: "I can't see what all the fuss is about. So what? It is not a revelation to us. We knew this score. This is a private matter between Dennis and Mary.

"We are 100 per cent behind him. As far as we are concerned he is the best MP since Keir Hardie."

Despite their separation, Mr Skinner is believed to spend some weekends with his wife at their three-bedroom home in the pit village of Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. The couple married in 1960 and have three grown-up children.

Mrs Skinner looked tired and drawn when she answered the door of the neat corner house yesterday. She refused to answer reporters' questions, saying only: "We have been split for four and a half years and I have nothing else to say," before slamming the door.

Neighbours were tight-lipped about the alleged scandal, but newsagents in the village reported a roaring trade in the *News of the World*.

One said: "We have ordered an extra 20 papers and I am sure we could have sold more. We have all had some laughs this morning."

Mr Skinner's brother Gordon, a Labour councillor in Nottingham, said: "I think it is his business."



Mr Skinner outside the London flat where he is said to have spent weekends with his researcher, Lois Blasenheim

MP Booth backed despite sex claim

BY OUR POLITICAL REPORTER

HARTLEY Booth's Finchley constituency party stood behind its MP yesterday in the face of the latest revelations about his relationship with a Commons researcher.

Emily Barr, 22, claimed in the *Sunday Mirror* yesterday that their affair had gone beyond the "kissing and cuddling" claimed by Mr Booth, a married Methodist lay preacher, to a full sexual relationship.

Mr Booth, who resigned his post as parliamentary private secretary to Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, when the affair became public earlier this month, has denied the latest claim and is consulting his lawyers about the newspaper reports.

Ron Thurlow, the chairman of the Finchley and Friern Barnet Conservative Association, said he fully backed Mr Booth's version of events. "It's his word against hers and she is being paid for it," he said. However, past experience led him to "reserve the right to change my mind if anything else comes out".

Mr Thurlow added that he had consulted 25 association officers and branch chairmen about the latest developments, and they had been "generally supportive" of Mr Booth.

Tory Central Office officials also continued to offer their full backing to Mr Booth. A spokesman said there was no precedent for an MP resigning his seat simply because of an extramarital affair.

Jarman's heroism leaves a prolific lyrical legacy

John Russell Taylor pays tribute to the film-maker's remarkable achievements, not least his titanic struggle with Aids

DEREK Jarman, who died at the weekend, was heroic in his cinematic achievements.

The first was to have made a considerable body of feature films at all. Their budgets were minute: a full-length feature in his hands could easily cost less than a Grade-A one-minute commercial, although his work never looked cheap. The faithful troupe of performers he gathered round him was content to work for the cause and little else.

His beginnings as a designer (tried in the erratic but demanding school of Ken Russell) clearly helped him to make — visually — the most of the least. Having trained as a painter, Jarman was incapable of creating a filmed image that was not instantly arresting. He was also the only filmmaker ever to be short-listed for the art world's Turner prize, cited in recognition of the "outstanding visual quality of his films".

The other heroic thing about Jarman's output was that he made the majority of his films while living in the shadow of Aids. HIV-positive for some years, he worked constantly against his biological clock, fighting on despite becoming physically weaker.

If some of his more conventional films (in Jarman's work the term is extremely relative) tended to lack vigour, resembling a succession of sumptuous tableaux-vivants rather than providing a genuinely dramatic experience, the most personal, such as *The Garden*, his meditation on his hard-won garden at Dungeness, Kent, achieved a poetic complexity denied to *Caravaggio* or *Wittgenstein*.

Jarman never gave up the stubborn pursuit of his artistic vision, even at the end when his eyesight was practically gone. The uncompromising pure blue screen of his last publicly released film, *Blue*, was an examination of his own blindness.

Three weeks ago, even as Jarman lay dying in a hospital bed, his last film was being previewed at the Rotterdam Film Festival. *Glitterbug*, which was commissioned by BBC's *Arena*, was a lyrical compilation of fragments taken from the hundreds of Super-8 films he shot over the 15 years until 1986 as a kind of visual diary.

From the day Jarman bought his first Super-8 camera in 1971, he would film everything around him, from his morning shave and his breakfast table to sculptures or landscapes that took his fancy. But these were more than ordinary home movies: even the graininess of Super-8 was made a virtue and every trick effect was gleefully exploited. *Glitterbug* was, in every sense, a Derek Jarman film.

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Nancy Seabrooke, *The Mousetrap*'s understudy victim, retires next month

The woman who waited 15 years to be murdered

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE last time Nancy Seabrooke was murdered was four years ago, despite being present at the scene of the crime every night for the past 15 years. It is time, she has decided, to retire.

Nancy is probably the longest-serving understudy in the history of the theatre, and her place has been in the wings of the world's longest-running play. At the age of 79, and having been summoned a mere 72 times to play Mrs Boyle, the crotchety victim in *The Mousetrap*, she has had enough of nightly climbing five flights of stairs to her dressing room at St Martin's Theatre in the West End of London.

Trained at RADA in 1932 with other young hopefuls such as Trevor Howard and Margaret Lockwood, Nancy has not spent her entire stage career in the reserves. She worked as a stage manager for Sir Donald Wolfit and appeared with Sir Ralph Richardson and Dame Celia Johnson in *The Kingfisher*.

She will give her farewell performance on March 12 at a lunch at The Savoy with the cast and staff, hosted by Sir Peter Saunders, the play's producer, and at the theatre afterwards will be accorded a solo curtain call.

Nancy is currently understudying her 15th Mrs Boyle, the actress Pamela Lane. "They have all been lovely, although they have played it differently. She is a very bad-tempered woman who finds fault with everyone, so you can really attack the part," Nancy said.

Her service record is longer than that of any of the principals. David Raven played the part of Major Metcalf for a mere 11 years, the longest by any actor in any play in the world. But that is the trouble with *The Mousetrap*; its statistics are now almost more intriguing than the plot. Since it opened in 1952 there have been more than 17,000 performances.

Having set her own record, Nancy is happy to bow out. But she would like now and again to see a jolly good play — especially one whose ending she has not already seen a thousand times.

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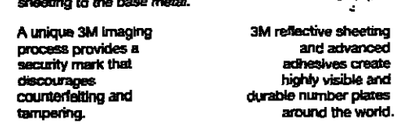
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While most men share household tasks, few divide them up equally with their female partner

'Newish man' offers only a reluctant hand at home

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

NEW men who share equally the housework and child-rearing are in short supply in Britain but "newish men" are emerging who help with at least one chore in the home, according to a survey published today.

Less than a quarter of men now believe a woman's place is in the home and that going out to work should be an exclusively male occupation.

The results of the research by Mintel point to a shift in attitudes away from the traditional roles of man and wife. The older the man the more likely he is to believe that the husband should be earning money while his wife keeps house: half of all the men over 65 questioned in the survey supported traditional views. However, most men (83 per cent) refuse to go as far as to say that married women should not be in the workplace, and even more agree that the whole family can benefit from the mother working. They are, though, attracted more by the financial advantages than ideals of equality.

> "Men want the financial advantages of a working wife rather than believing in equality"

The research also found that men's lifestyles were changing: a quarter of men are now single and 11 per cent live alone. Mintel predicts a boom in home services and convenience foods and gadgets to cater for them.

The much-debated "new man", the darling of women's magazines, is still a rare breed, according to Mintel. Males who share household tasks equally with their partners are scarce but there are some "newish men", researchers found.

Almost 1,600 men and women were asked how they divided up the everyday chores and half of the married men in the survey said they left them all to their partners. However, by defining a "newish man" as one who is responsible for at least one task, nearly one in five (18 per cent) qualified for the title.

Half of married men admitted they were "sloths" over housework, while a quarter were "happy cookers" who preferred entertaining and experimenting rather than cooking everyday meals. Angela Hughes, Mintel's consumer research manager, suggested many newish men had the role thrust upon them by circumstances. She said: "The largest group is found among those who are not working or are retired." More newish men and also the biggest number of sloths were over 55. "It is tempting to conclude that it may be more a case of men wanting the financial advantages of a working wife than having an idealistic belief in the equality of the sexes. While they are reluctant to say the woman's place is in the home it is clear from our research that they still expect her to do the housework."

The sloths also made frequent appearances among the 35-54 age group. The semi-sharers, who fall between the two categories, were mainly under 34 and most likely to be found in the AB socio-economic group.

Men are marrying later, at about 27, but more likely than a woman to remain single. More men remarry after a divorce and lone fathers make up 1 per cent of all families.

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James Heath, at work with vacuum cleaner, did the shopping and half of the housework when he lived with a woman

Domestic equality seen as a chore

JAMES Heath is 25 and one of the increasing number of young men who live alone. He has a house in Milton Keynes, and has not had a serious girl friend for 12 months.

"I would rather be sharing a house with a woman because it would be nice to have some company around," he said, "but I made a conscious decision not to live with other people because I work at home as an engineer and I need the peace and quiet.

"I did live with a woman for about six months and I shared the housework 50:50. In fact, I did all the shopping and half of the cooking. Although I'm on my own I do not rely on microwave-prepared meals.

"My mother worked all her life and I was a latch-key kid, so I could not contemplate having a serious relationship with a woman who did not want a career for herself."

Paul and Sonia Chavasse have been married for two and a half years and have a son, Aidan, one. They live in the village of Milton, Oxfordshire, and both work full-time. Sonia, 32, is an anaesthetist in Oxford and Paul, 29, an investment manager in London.

Sonia said: "We split cooking, housework and looking after Aidan between us equally, although we do have a cleaner and a childminder because we could not cope otherwise.

"Even so, it is very hard work. Paul does his share of the washing, washing-up and tidying the house but really prefers to sort out the household paperwork first, whereas I am more fussy about the place being really clean. We sometimes argue about that.

"I would not particularly recommend our lifestyle to anyone. We work long hours and hardly seem to have any spare time. We also end up paying people to decorate our house and do our garden because we are so busy. It is a lot of hassle."

Paul said: "I was talking recently to one of my colleagues about his weekend and he described playing football and going to the pub. He said he worked hard all week and expected his wife to look after him at the weekend. All that is another world to me."

Morning-after pill set for general sale

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH ministers are expected to support a plan to sell the morning-after pill at chemists to help to prevent teenage pregnancies. About 8,000 girls under 16 become pregnant every year in Britain, one of the highest rates in Europe.

The proposal, under which the pill would be sold without a prescription, has the backing of leading gynaecologists but is opposed by those who say it would provide an excuse for careless sex.

A steering group of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is to hold a conference before making recommendations to ministers. It will consider whether the pill should be sold in supermarkets, all-night garages and vending machines, as well as chemists' shops.

Sir Stanley Simmons, chairman of the group and former president of the college, said: "Not many people realise that in the 72 hours following intercourse you can prevent a pregnancy by taking two little pills followed by two more 12 hours later. It is very low risk, and certainly lower risk than becoming pregnant and having an abortion. Some of us think it has a significant role to play in reducing unplanned pregnancies, but it is only as good as its availability."

The Government has set a target of reducing the teenage pregnancy rate by half within five years, but there is dissension within the Cabinet as to how this should be achieved. John Patten, the Education Secretary, insists that moral considerations should take precedence.

A Health Department spokesman said that ministers saw some merit in the proposal to allow chemists to sell the pill but said it would be medically and morally untenable to allow garages or supermarkets to do so.

He said: "In a chemist's shop you have got a pharmacist who is knowledgeable and can provide advice and counselling, but elsewhere there are no safeguards."

The British Medical Association said it had no objection to the plan, provided that availability was restricted to chemists' shops. "They are drugs, not sweets," a spokesman said.

Zelda West-Meads of Relate said the proposals should be treated with caution. "We would like to see better sex education in schools, but we are not sure that this would be an appropriate alternative."

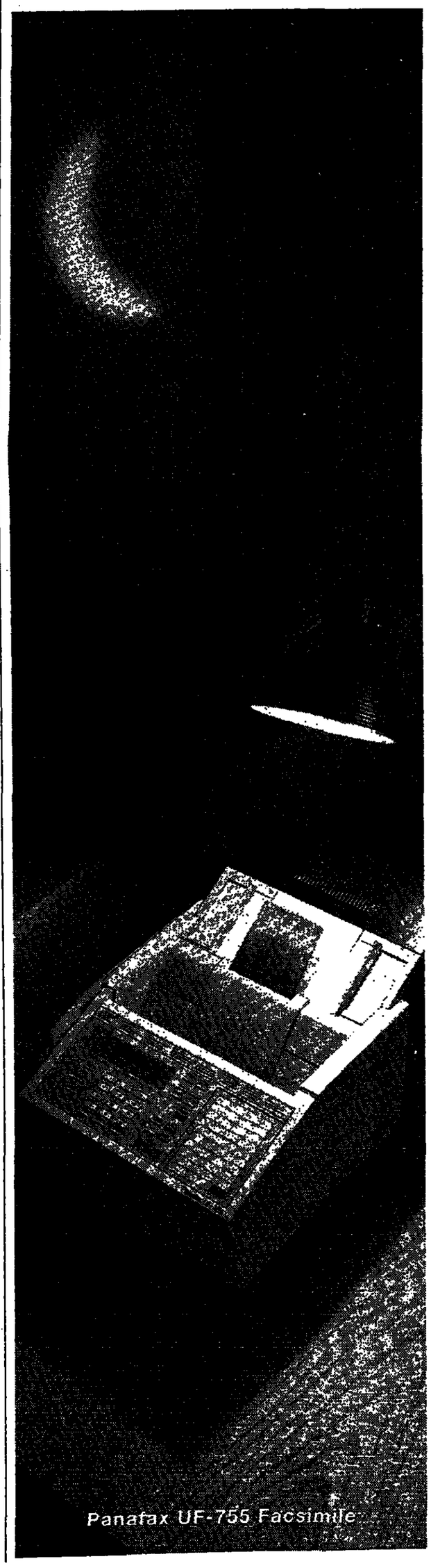
Heirloom sold to finance wedding

BY JOHN SHAW

LORD Dalmeny, heir to the seventh Earl of Rosebery, has sold a famous ancestor's honeymoon gift to help pay for his own wedding this summer.

A 23.20 carat sapphire ring went under the hammer for £288,140 this weekend at a Sotheby's auction in St Moritz, Switzerland. It was bought by a Geneva dealer.

The ring originally belonged to the fifth earl who later became Liberal prime minister. He gave it to the heiress Hannah Rothschild, then the richest heiress in England, on their honeymoon in India in the 1870s. The stone, known in the trade as a sought-after "cornflower blue", was mined in Kashmir. It passed through the family to Lord Dalmeny, 26, who works at Sotheby's. He was unavailable for comment yesterday but his father said: "I think some of the money will help with his wedding this summer. The great problem with things like this is insurance and that is very expensive. If you are not insured, you are left without anything if something like this is stolen."



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'The curse of psychotherapy is that its effective forms are thin on the ground in the health services'



Fay Weldon appears to assume that psychotherapy and psychoanalysis are the same, says Anthony Clare

A beneficial treatment hijacked by the affluent

Anthony Clare, *braced for debate with Fay Weldon, defends a treatment bedevilled by an image of rich and minimally ill patrons*

"THERAPY," declares Fay Weldon, its latest critic, "is becoming a curse." As one who from within the citadel of psychiatry has been one of psychotherapy's fiercest critics, I might be expected to agree. Perhaps I do. It is, after all, 13 years since I published, with Sally Thompson, a book entitled *Let's Talk About Me* in which I questioned the assumption that psychotherapy could cure all human woes.

Psychotherapy, like any form of therapy, from antibiotics to analgesics, can be abused. It can become a curse. In parts of America perhaps it has become a curse. But speaking of Britain I am less convinced.

A serious problem with the term "psychotherapy" is that it appears to mean so many different things to so many different people. Yet what is poorly appreciated by critics and proselytisers alike is that there are many different kinds of psychotherapy and their status in terms of their public popularity and their specialist usefulness is very different. I am not sure quite what form Fay Weldon has in mind but it would appear to be the psychotherapy that is largely or entirely derived from psychoanalysis, from the ideas and dogmas promulgated by Freud, Jung and their devoted disciples. Like so many literary figures, Ms Weldon appears to assume that psychotherapy and psychoanalysis are one and the same thing. So she fears that her attacks will be dismissed as denial and repression — a classic Freudian manoeuvre — while the unattractive therapist in her latest novel, *Affliction*, is a kind of mixture of Jungian psychotherapist and astrological quack.

The problem is that psychoanalysis as a form of psychotherapy has been under vigorous attack for many years. Indeed, while the arts and literature continued their love affair with psychoanalysis, critics within and outside psychology and psychiatry — people such as Hans Eysenck, Michael Shepherd and Robert Kendall — were exposing the claims of psychoanalysis to be a scientific discipline, a body of tested hypotheses and an effective treatment method, to relentless and withering assault.

The real curse of psychoanalysis is that it has for so long commanded the heights of psychotherapy to the extent that for many people it *is* psychotherapy.

In so far as the ideas of Freud and Jung play any role in contemporary mainstream psychoanalysis it is in the form of very diluted and modified themes underpinning the much more prosaic and testable ideas and interventions such as behaviour therapy, cognitive therapy and brief forms of counselling. And in so far as psychoanalysis has been found to be effective it has been the behaviour therapies employed in helping people cope with anxiety, fears, phobias and addictive behaviours that have survived the scrutiny of properly designed scientific studies.

Fay Weldon does not define what she means by psychoanalysis but she takes a somewhat indiscriminate approach to therapists. She says it is scandalous that there is no formal register of approved psychotherapists. But what does she say that was not said more than 20 years ago, and more eloquently, by Sir John Foster in his *Enquiry into the Practice and Effects of Scientology*, published in 1971? In that report, Sir John noted the justification as well as the dangers in psychotherapy. His comments merit quotation: "The trained and selfless practitioner is concerned only to convert the deep emotional dependence on him which his patient develops during the treatment into an ability on the patient's part to wean himself from the therapist ... But it is totally easy for the unscrupulous therapist, who knows enough to create the dependence in the first place, to exploit it for years on end to his own advantage in the form of a steady income, to say nothing of the opportunities for sexual gratification."

What is interesting about Sir John's comments is that it is not psychotherapy that is in his eyes the curse so much as the failure of people in authority to take it seriously. It is precisely because people do not regard psychotherapy as a potentially useful as well as potentially dangerous treatment that they allow it to be practised by anyone, or, as Fay Weldon puts it, "anybody can set up as a therapist ... and can interfere in families they have never met".

But it is by taking psychotherapy seriously that you begin to remedy such a deplorable state of affairs, not by dismissing it as a "curse". And you take it seriously by breaking down "psychotherapy" into its various forms and varieties and examining the claims for effectiveness made on their behalf and the training that practitioners receive. It is also worth taking a look at who is receiving therapy.

Which takes me to my second reservation concerning the anti-psychotherapy case. Many criticisms are based on the reasonable argument that the majority of people who seek psychotherapy are not particularly ill in the first place.

The image of the Woody Allen patient — hopelessly in love with self-analysis, neurotically obsessed with every fluctuation in his feelings and absorbed by the rich theoretical speculations as to the possible causes of the minutiae of his behaviour — is a potent one and hardly dented by the more recent revelations concerning Allen's real or alleged psychotherapy.

There is some truth in this assumption that psychotherapy, or more particularly psychoanalysis, has been the therapy of rich, articulate, successful and minimally ill Americans and Europeans. But the real curse of psychotherapy is not this aberration, disturbing and wasteful of resources as it is, but that its more effective forms — behavioural and cognitive therapy, supportive therapy, brief psychotherapy, group and individual counselling — are exceedingly thin on the ground within the British health services, private and public.

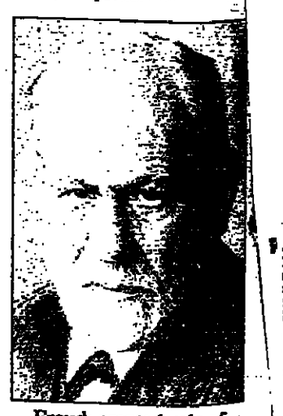
If my words are doubted one only has to listen to the relatives of schizophrenics, the sufferers from manic-depression, the afflicted alcohol abusers, the drug-addicted and the anorexic teenager, and what you will hear is of therapies heavily drug-oriented and marked by an almost complete *absence* of talk, discussion, exploration, analysis, explanation — of psychotherapy.

The curse of psychotherapy is not that it threatens to take over from religion and science — because if it does I suspect this is in Hampstead and Highgate rather than in more representative parts of the country — but that it is so difficult to find within the treatment plans and policies provided for the great majority of psychiatrically ill people attending psychiatrists, physicians and general practitioners in Britain at the present time.

Fay Weldon's criticisms are welcome, however, if they help to focus attention on a very real danger. The psychotherapies, as Henri Ellenberger's magnificent book *The Discovery of the Unconscious* (Allen Lane, 1972) reminds us, find their primitive origins within religion as much as within medicine. They have evolved through the centuries via the shaman, the sorcerer, the astrologist, the mesmerist, the hypnotist, the psychoanalyst, to today's psychotherapist and to that extent they do contain elements of magic, the non-scientific, the religious, that more "scientific" therapies within psychiatry and medicine eschew. Not surprisingly, many of the people flocking to psychotherapists are unhappy, bewildered, spiritually adrift, morally bankrupt and in search of a way to live rather than of a treatment for a specific mental condition. The questions they ask are often the ultimate questions concerning existence, purpose, the meaning of life, happiness, pain, death. Some psychotherapists seem willing to be cast in the role of what Freud proudly called "secular pastoral workers", providing values and meanings of their own. This is particularly true of some of the flakier and less orthodox psychotherapies. They are as foolish as those who place their faith in them. But such foolishness does not constitute a reason for simply dismissing psychotherapy or dubbing it patronisingly as "a curse". Rather, it is a pressing argument for a proper, systematic and comprehensive approach to be taken to the scrupulous assessment of the various forms of psychotherapy, their role, their usefulness, their deficiencies and, in some instances, their uselessness in the struggle to help people who are in serious psychological distress.

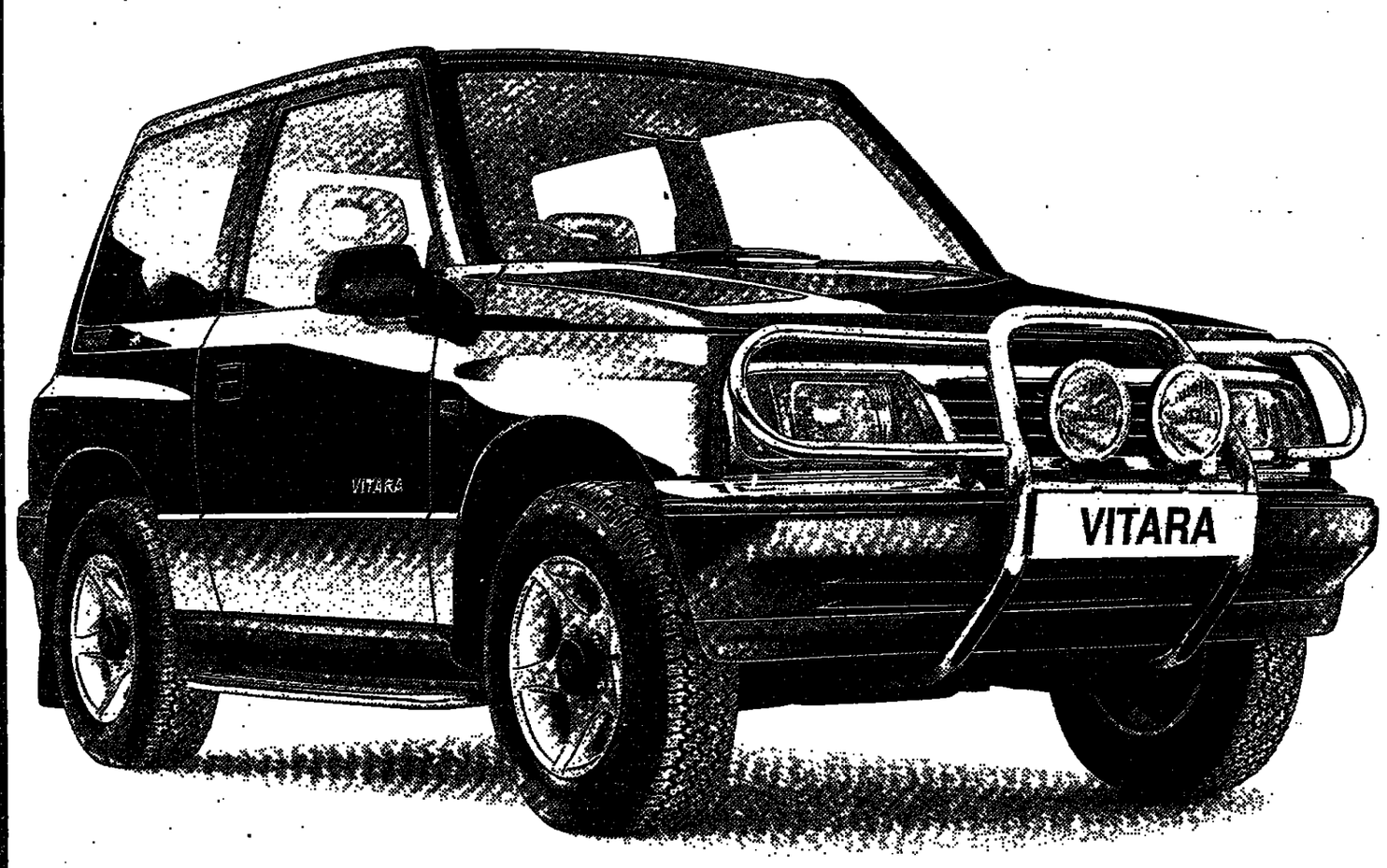
This work is, fortunately, under way but it is only in its infancy and it warrants support. Otherwise psychotherapy is likely to remain stuck in a swamp of half-science and half-mysticism, neither a therapy nor a religion and the butt of the kind of literary invective that Fay Weldon marshals with customary *élan*.

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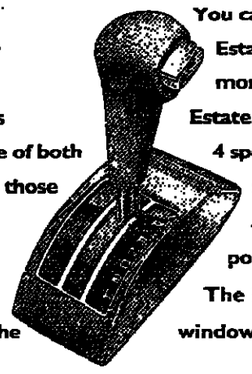
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Ministers put on the spot over 'gagging orders'

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

■ The arms-to-Iraq enquiry will this week ask ministers about their part in suppressing documents vital to Matrix Churchill defendants

A PUBLIC spotlight will be cast on the Government's sweeping powers of concealment during the next two weeks as part of Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair.

A succession of ministers, beginning today with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be cross-examined about why they signed public interest immunity certificates, known as gagging orders, in the run-up to the criminal trial of three Matrix Churchill executives at the Old Bailey in November 1992.

Mr Clarke, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Lilley, Tristan Garel-Jones and Michael Heseltine all signed the certificates after being advised by government lawyers, including Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, that it was their "duty" to sign.

The gagging orders were intended to prevent the release of 500 pages of government documents that proved the Matrix Churchill defendants were innocent of illegally exporting defence equipment to Iraq, and that the Government had secretly encouraged the illicit trade.

Lord Justice Scott will want to know if the ministers examined the secret documents before signing the gagging orders, what was the nature of the advice given by the Government's legal service and whether the ministers had the power to question or reject that advice.

Earlier this month, Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, criticised the media's use of the phrase "gagging order". He insisted that the Government was not trying to prevent evidence vital to the defence from being released in court, but merely warning the judge that the documents in question contained material that could damage the public interest if disclosed.

But Sir Robin's defence of the Government's action failed to take account of the immense legal force of the certificates, the extent to which a judge can be intimidated by their use and the potential for miscarriage of justice. Moreover, before the trial, Alan Moses QC, who prosecuted the case on behalf of Customs and Excise, told Judge Smedley that the documents contained nothing of value to the defence.

Mr Moses also removed all reference to the confidential documents from the gagging orders in an attempt to eliminate any prospect that the judge might read them and decide for himself whether the Government's claim that the lives and operations of intelligence officers would be put at risk was really justified.

Without the persistence of Geoffrey Robertson QC, the defence counsel, who badgered Judge Smedley into taking the unprecedented step of overturning the certificates, all three defendants would have faced seven-year prison sentences.

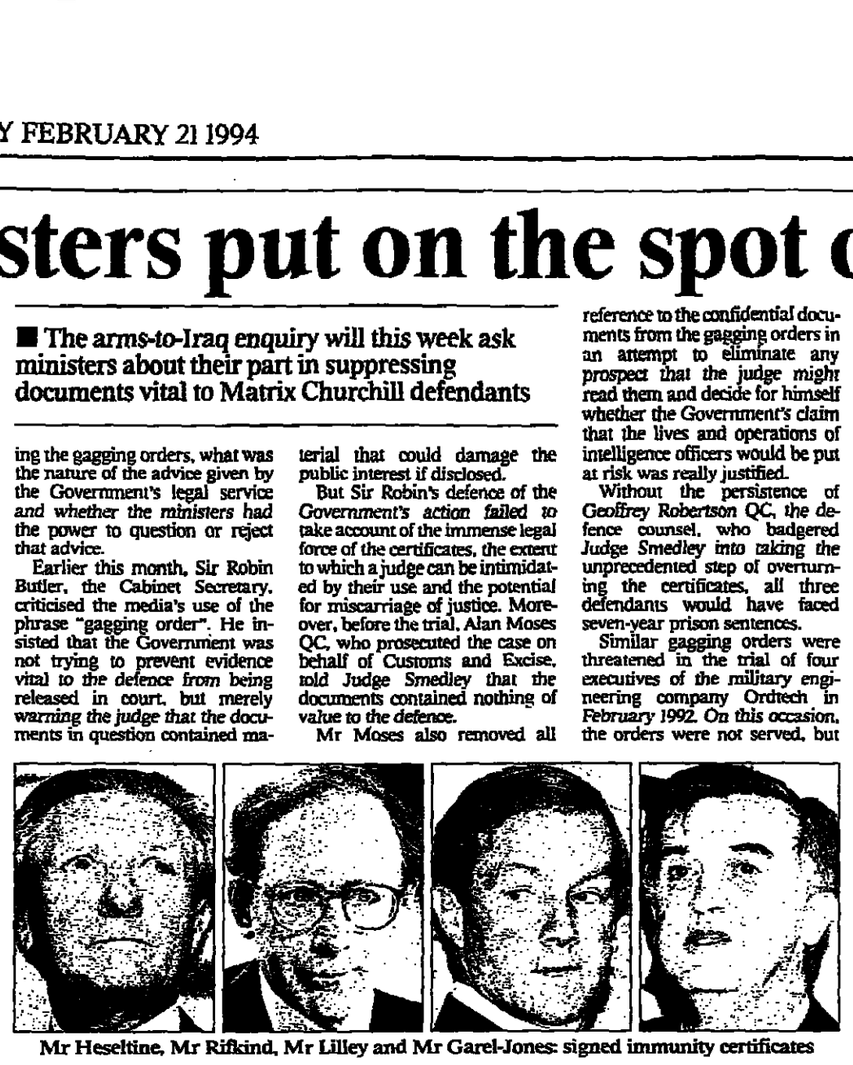
Similar gagging orders were threatened in the trial of four executives of the military engineering company Ordtech in February 1992. On this occasion, the orders were not served, but the prosecution's threat that they would be if the defence tried to get hold of secret government documents to prove their innocence was enough to force the defendants to plead guilty.

Last week, Lord Justice Scott delivered a ringing indictment of the use of gagging orders after Andrew Lenhead, the Assistant Treasury Solicitor, explained how he tried to prevent documents from falling into the hands of the defence, in violation of the established rules on evidence.

After hearing how Mr Heseltine initially refused to sign an order because he did not believe disclosure would be against the public interest, Lord Justice Scott said the system had been "turned on its head" in the interests of "convenient administration".

The gagging orders were signed in 1991-2 by Mr Clarke, when he was Home Secretary; Mr Rifkind, the Defence Secretary; Mr Lilley when he was Trade and Industry Secretary; Mr Garel-Jones, the former Foreign Office minister; and Mr Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

Mr Clarke will be first to give evidence today. He will be followed by Mr Rifkind on Tuesday, Mr Lilley on Wednesday, Mr Garel-Jones possibly on Thursday and Mr Heseltine next Monday.



Mr Heseltine, Mr Rifkind, Mr Lilley and Mr Garel-Jones: signed immunity certificates

TONY WHITE



Kenneth Clarke, who trumpeted the virtues of jazz on Desert Island Discs yesterday, has a trickier score to follow today in defending the concealment of documents to the Scott enquiry

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother stabbed to death

A mother's former lover is being sought by police after the woman was found stabbed to death in the flat they once shared.

Jean Hutchinson, 30, had gone to visit Neil Morrison, 32, the father of her four-year-old daughter Rebecca, at the flat in Guisborough, Cleveland.

Ms Hutchinson, who police said was subjected to "a savage and prolonged attack", had been living with a new boy friend in Cudworth, South Yorkshire.

Stores charge

Michael Anthony Norman, 51, of Wreningham, Norfolk, and Alexander Robertson Taylor, 51, of Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset, were remanded in custody by magistrates at Horseferry Road, London, accused of trying to blackmail supermarkets for £12 million.

Greyhound bus

Knick-Knack the greyhound, stolen with Philomena the lurcher from kennels in Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, ran for it when the thieves' guard was down and jumped on a 5B bus to Brighton. Philomena was found later.

Ashes killing

Lambert Small, 67, was yesterday charged with the murder of Thomas Spence, 47, who was bludgeoned to death as he scattered his father's ashes in his garden in Birmingham.

'Hoax' call

An architectural assistant, Antony Robert Holmes, 33, from Soho, central London, is to appear in court next month charged with making a hoax bomb call on Saturday.

Mines warning

Police warned walkers to look out for Second World War mines after an anti-tank device was found near the mouth of the river Tees in Cleveland.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings premium bonds draw are £100,000, 14CK 424685 (winner lives in Kent, holding 24A685); £50,000, 11GN 309000 (Norfolk, £5,000 - £25,000, 30AW 359888 (West Sussex, £5,000).

Ministers to block new road building

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

MINISTERS are bracing themselves for widespread protests next week when they announce a radical cutback in Britain's £23 billion road-building programme.

After a review of 500 road schemes, John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, will announce that he is to concentrate on speeding-up priority programmes.

Scores of communities which have been pressing for years for schemes to relieve congestion may not now see work started until the next decade.

Existing motorways are badly in need of repair. During the next five years a third of the nation's 1,900 miles of motorway will be coned off for work, according to the Automobile Association.

The British Road Federation claims that after decades of underfunding and inadequate building standards, a further 5,000 miles of primary roads urgently need repair.

Richard Diment, director of the federation, said: "The Government's figures show that thousands of miles of roads need rebuilding now. That will be very expensive and highly disruptive but if it is put off, in the longer term some roads will become unsafe."

Although Mr MacGregor will make a commitment to bypasses to divert heavy traffic from town centres he has been told that the cutbacks could be disastrous for depressed areas. East Sussex County Council has urged local business leaders to write to Mr MacGregor to insist that improvements are vital. Nine such schemes may be under threat in an area hit by recession.

Mr MacGregor is expected to cut back any new motorways that would cut through open countryside or significantly increase the flow of traffic into big cities.

He will also confirm plans to reduce the delays between road planning and building and he is to change public enquiry rules with a view to countering bureaucratic hold-ups and delaying tactics.

Shoppers ignore the 'hidden persuaders'

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

MOST consumers pay little or no attention to advertising, according to new research.

The survey, drawing on qualitative analysis of consumers' views, concludes that the majority of people do not feel a need for protection from advertisements for potentially harmful products such as tobacco and alcohol. Advertising is felt to be easy to "see through" and to have only a peripheral effect.

Olly Wicken, head of Davies Riley-Smith Maclay, the advertising research company that conducted the survey, said the results show there is a higher level of "advertising literacy" in Britain than had been suspected. "Politicians like to portray consumers as vulnerable beings who are preyed on and manipulated by advertisers. But many consumers say they know and accept what the advertisers are getting up to," he said.

The findings come at a time of increasing pressure to introduce a partial or blanket ban on tobacco advertising. There have also been calls for restrictions on alcohol advertising.

The survey, which is based on detailed analysis of views expressed in six discussion groups of eight adults, showed that consumers had no fear of the "hidden persuaders" of advertising. Many people said that "We know the rules of the game."

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It's our first principle of doing business to do everything we can to make our products better. That also goes for the service that gets our products to you. And to improve our service to you we had to start shipping from within the UK.

So last year we decided to search for a suitable location to put down more permanent roots. Soon after, in a similar advertisement, we informed readers of our new home-from-home address in Oakham, Rutland.

Now, from our Oakham distribution center, we are able to offer the full cluster of promises we make to our U.S. customers – including the same reliable service they have always taken for granted.

What also pleases us is that our search for a UK home led us to Oakham, one of England's historic and energetic market towns. A place where the community spirit and the character and nature of the people we now work with every day very closely resemble the environment in which we work in our original home in Dodgeville.

What will all this duplication do for you?

Not only do you continue to get products of which we first demand Quality, and then a relation to price that defines true Value, but you also get the same dedicated sure Service you're meant to have in our scheme of what should constitute a Lands' End relationship. (After all, we're not out just to make a sale to you. We're out to build those relationships.)

As to what we mean by Service, now that we're at Oakham, here's our pledge: Along with the free phone call you already enjoy, NOW you can make that call 24 hours a day and hear the friendly British voice of a well-trained operator.

And, when you order, whatever you order, your order, if in stock, will be out of our distribution center and with you in just a few short days and only a little longer if you require monogramming or hemming services. Else we want to know why. (You have our phone number – 0800 220 106 – so feel free to use it.)

Finally, there is our world famous GUARANTEE!

Our founder, in his simplistic wisdom, read a lot of guarantees before he settled on ours. And he noticed that in general, the more words they used to explain their conditions, the more loopholes seemed to trap the unwary. So, being a no-nonsense guy he first got very specific, to wit:

"We accept any return, for any reason, at any time. Our products are guaranteed. No fine print. No arguments. We mean exactly what we say. In one word. GUARANTEED." (And of course our guarantee is in addition to your statutory rights.)

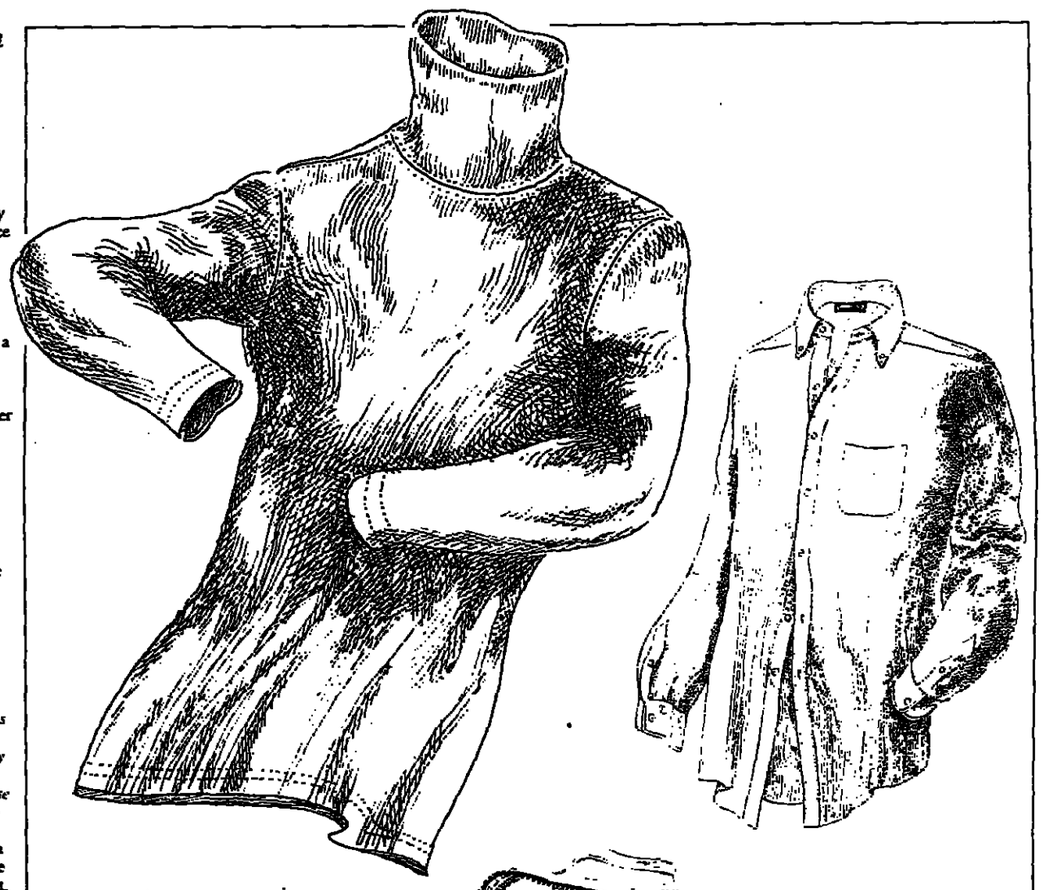
Then, because that seemed a little wordy, too, he settled on the word version we now favor. Just, plain GUARANTEED.

Having said all this, we invite your challenge.

So now this third-of-its-kind advertisement appears before you. If you haven't seen its predecessors, this one gives you our history over here up-to-date, so why not challenge us at your earliest convenience. If you do recognise our shop window again, then we hope it reminds you of all that we promise – and all only a phone call away.

As in our previous press appearances, we invite you to order right off the page any one or all three of our basic products – each of which has created many satisfied customers since we introduced it to British audiences. Also remarkable are the prices of the products offered here today. Each remains at the same price at which we introduced it in 1991.

The rest is up to you. Like we always say – read on, ponder, and then head for the phone. Or, should you prefer, use the coupon that brings you a free catalog filled with page after page of wonderful Lands' End values. Thank You!



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▲ **How Lands' End re-defined the Attache Case.**

Time was when such a case had to be 1) slender, 2) of soft, shiny leather, 3) wrapped around a firm frame, and 4) fashionably expensive.

It was a world in which ageless men (called attaches, of course) carried such cases chained to their wrists, on dead-of-night journeys between world capitals.

Ours was a more plebeian world. We were young people in a young company and we were so busy we took a lot of work home at night – too much to fit into those slender cases which were too expensive for our means, anyway.

So, we challenged our soft luggage people. "Give us a case," we said, "that's made of canvas and 1) holds more than it ought to, 2) is easy to carry, and 3) doesn't cost an arm and a leg."

The result: the Square Rigger you see here at £39.50. Still made of the same sailcloth canvas. It has padded handles, carrying strap, a file-size interior, and a key clip that lets you unlock doors without setting your bag down first.

Today, the Lands' End Attache peeks out from beneath alot of airplane seats, and you'll glimpse it on the pin-striped laps of executives hunkered down in chauffeured limousines.

The price is still homey, so the rest of us can afford it. And really should, now that we've made it so easy to order one. On with it!

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Popular Oxford

Colours: Blue, White, Maize, Pink
Sizes:
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Sleeve 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
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Law change by synod will allow women to enter priesthood at last

Church to remove final barrier to women's ordination

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

AFTER decades of bitter debate and legal argument, the General Synod of the Church of England is expected to take the final step tomorrow that will make it legally possible for a woman to be ordained a priest.

Plans are already in progress for women priests to celebrate communion for the first time on March 13, and for a woman bishop, Penelope Jamieson of Dunedin, New Zealand, to celebrate in Ripon, North Yorkshire, in April.

The synod will proceed with a one-off meeting tomorrow despite a last-ditch attempt by a group of hardline traditionalist clergy to thwart the ordination plans.

The Rev Paul Williamson, priest-in-charge of St George's, Hanworth, west London, is seeking leave in the High Court for a judicial review to challenge the synod. He represents a small group, the Defenders of the Faith Trust, which claims the support of four serving bishops, and which is accusing the Archbishops of Canterbury and York of treason.

Church insiders expect the action to fail, but are planning an emergency meeting at dawn tomorrow in case it succeeds. The synod meeting at Church House, Westminster, has been called to "promulge" or proclaim the canon, titled Amending Canon 16. This will change ecclesiastical law in England and allow women to become priests for the first time.

The first to be priested is expected to be Angela Berners-Wilson, senior Anglican chaplain to Bristol University. She is one of 33 who will be ordained by the Right Rev Barry Rogerson, Bishop of Bristol, on March 12 at the city's cathedral.

However, she will not be the first to celebrate communion. About five women who were ordained priest abroad are working as deacons in England, and will be authorised to celebrate communion from Mothering Sunday, the day after the Bristol ordinations.

Dr Susan Cole-King, one of two such deacons in the Oxford diocese, has celebrated communion in America and Scotland, but will do so for the first time in her parish of St Peter's near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, on March 13. She said: "The sacramental ministry is going to bring everything together in a much more fulfilling way."

Ms Berners-Wilson has been reluctantly thrust into the limelight because her name appears first alphabetically in the Bristol diocese. She and diocesan officials say the ordination will not be complete until the end of the ordination prayer, meaning all 33 will be ordained simultaneously. But most churchgoers believe the essential component of the service to be the laying-on of hands by the bishop, which will be done in alphabetical order.

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Ms Berners-Wilson said: "All this hype about me being first goes against everything I believe in. Part of the struggle has been to get away from the hierarchy, the 'me first' idea."

As a priest she will be able to celebrate communion, and to grant absolution after confession. She said: "My vocation is something that has grown gradually over the years. There was no flashing light, like St Paul on the Damascus road. It was while I was studying theology at university that I began to think seriously that this was what God was calling me to do."

She trained for the ministry at St John's College, Durham, was ordained deaconess in 1979 and deacon in 1987, but continued to feel a call to the priesthood. "I would counsel someone having marital problems and they might want to come and make a confession. I would have to say, 'I am not allowed to hear confessions, you will have to go to a priest.' Yet the whole reason they came to me in the first place was because they had a rapport with me as a woman."

She added: "The central act of worship of the Anglican church is the eucharist. Not to be able to celebrate the central act of worship when in every other way I am the people's pastor meant that at some level my ministry could not be completely fulfilled."

She and about 1,000 women deacons have gone through a process of discernment to help the bishop decide whether they should be priested. Ms Berners-Wilson, who is married to a solicitor, said: "All the deacons were written to by the bishops asking us to say whether we were called to be priests and how our vocations had come about."

She is far from the ultra-feminist extreme so dreaded by traditionalists who have fought bitterly against women in the priesthood. Her father was a parish priest, she attended a Roman Catholic boarding school and read theology at St Andrew's university, Scotland, alongside men training for the presbyterian Church of Scotland.

MARC ASPLAND



Angela Berners-Wilson will be first to receive the bishop's laying-on of hands

Bikers ride roughshod over road safety rules

By Kevin Eason

TWO-THIRDS of all motorcyclists holding provisional licences are riding illegally by refusing to take compulsory training courses set up to cut the number of deaths and serious injuries on the roads.

One in five of the offenders — mainly young riders who were the target group for the Government's new safety regulations — are deliberately flouting the law. Most of the others said they were not aware of the rules.

The findings by the transport research laboratory, the Government's road safety research body, have shocked road safety experts who had placed faith in the compulsory basic training.

The scheme means that learner riders are allowed to use a motorcycle up to 125cc on a provisional licence only if they go through the training period, which teaches them machine control skills and roadcraft. The full test must be passed within two years or the provisional licence lapses.

The new rules were widely acknowledged to have played a significant part in cutting motorcycle deaths and injuries. Department of Transport figures show that casualty rates have fallen by 58 per cent in the past decade. The 26,873 casualties in 1992 represented a 13 per cent fall on 1991. But statistics also show that the chances of a rider under 24 becoming a motorcycle casualty is 18 times higher than for a road user aged over 60.

A survey of 10,000 motorcyclists found that those in the younger age group tended to have less positive attitudes to traffic laws and to have found the training inconvenient.

Kevin Clinton, of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said: "We know from research that inexperience is a major factor in road accidents. Clearly there is a need for improved publicity to create a greater awareness of motorcycle training."

The Department of Transport is planning a campaign to alert motorcyclists to the training and licence rules.

Insurers put brakes on pensioner's runaround

By A Staff Reporter

A DRIVER who has not had an accident in 61 years on the road has been refused insurance cover for a 50cc moped, even though he has been passed fit to drive.

John Wilson, 79, from Hove, East Sussex, sold his last car in September 1992 and stopped his insurance policy with 60 per cent no-claims bonus.

He bought the moped so he could "potter about and do my shopping", but more than a dozen insurance companies have refused to cover him because he is too old.

"I cannot believe it," Mr Wilson said. "I have been driving all my life in practically every kind of vehicle you can imagine. I have never made a claim on my insurance and now when I want a policy for a £125 moped which can only do about 30 mph nobody wants to know.

"I have been examined by doctors and the DVLA has granted me another licence which covers me even for cars and four-tonne trucks. But even though it has said I am competent to drive I still can't convince anyone to insure me. It is ridiculous.

"I suffer from a touch of arthritis in my legs and at the moment I am having to get about on a bicycle which makes my legs ache when I get tired.

"It epitomises people's attitude to old folk. We are not just a bunch of old wrinklies. Some of us are still more than capable. It's just that no one seems to have time for you when you get above a certain age.

"I feel very bitter that I served for the Navy in the Second World War, working on destroyers, and now I am not even allowed to drive a piddly moped to the shops and back."

A spokesman for the DVLA in Swansea said: "There is no fixed age limit for giving people a licence. After the age of 70 we require people to reapply every three years to make sure they are fit enough to drive."

IT'S "BACK TO ITS ENGLISH ROOTS" FOR

MARSALA

A WINE "WORTHY OF ANY GENTLEMAN" AND INDEED ANY LADY TOO!

Perhaps it was a Scirocco storm that forced John Woodhouse, on board the "Elizabeth", to seek shelter in the harbour of Marsala, in western Sicily in 1773.

This fortuitous event which took place well over two centuries ago, was to culminate in the discovery of a special local wine and in its ensuing rapid international success.

Woodhouse was a merchant who came from Liverpool and was heading for Mazara del Vallo to collect a load of soda ashes. Soon after landing at Marsala, while visiting the numerous inns of the town, he and his men were taken aback by the local wine and it is said that Woodhouse's palate was "conquered" by the first sip.

The wine was robust, with plenty of flavour, aged in wooden casks and reminiscent of Madeira or Jerez, but better by far.

Not all storms lead to misfortunes! So, sensing success, Mr Woodhouse bought some 50 "pipes" (400 lt. wooden casks) and sent them to England not before adding a touch of brandy to prevent any alteration of the wine during transportation.

It was an immediate success and the fortunes of Marsala so began. John Woodhouse summoned his brothers Samuel and William to Sicily, acquiring warehouses and vineyards and built wineries as well as bringing two Master Coopers to the island.

The fame of Marsala quickly spread and when Horatio Nelson got news of it after the battle of Abukir in March 1800, he ordered 500 "pipes" of Marsala for the fleet at anchor in the cove of Malta.

Soon other Enlish merchants arrived in Sicily, attracted by this commercial opportunity. Ingham was among the first and had the presumption to set up shop next to the Woodhouse.

His merchant fleet took Marsala wine to the New World, to the Americas and even Australia. So the fame of the wine that Lord Nelson had described as "worthy of any gentleman" soon reached global proportions.

By 1832 Vincenzo Florio too, born in Calabria, just across the Messina Straits, had appeared on the scene and was operating from Marsala taking the wine to the far corners of the world with his fleet of 99 ships.

The history of Marsala wine became entwined with the history of Sicily and indeed of Italy, particularly since it was here that Garibaldi began the unification of the Country.

In fact, it was not by chance that on 11th May 1860, Garibaldi landed his 1000 men at Marsala, where there were numerous English ships at anchor that could have been hit had the Bourbon fleet fired upon the Garibaldini: a chance they could not take!

A new legislation passed in 1984 by the Italian Parliament has, at last, rendered justice to this wine of old which has again become "worthy of any gentleman" and any lady too, we should add!

This "back to the roots" movement which started a decade ago is based upon the premise that Marsala can only be produced in a much restricted area from carefully selected grapes obtained form named varietal vines, aged in oak casks and bottled within said area of production.

Marsala has been misunderstood for far too long, considered old fashioned and often confined to the kitchen only.

This is a fine wine suitable for different occasions and its several varieties can satisfy even the most demanding palate.

Well over two centuries after that chance landing of John Woodhouse at Marsala, a delegation from Sicily, headed by Mr. Matteo Graziano the Counsellor for Commerce and Cooperation of the Sicilian Region is coming to Britain, to contribute with its presence to the revival of the Marsala drinking habit, for so long a part of daily life of older generations.

This visit is part of a most comprehensive promotional campaign the Sicilian Region is undertaking both in Italy and abroad, to encourage the consumer to enjoy the pleasure of sipping this extraordinary wine.

A choice selection of fine Marsala wines, that range from Fine to Superior to Virgin, will be presented this week at the Italian Trade Centre in Piccadilly - London, by the individual producers in an effort to prove that is is worth being rediscovered by the consumer who will be drinking not just a fine and noble wine but a glass of Anglo-Italian history too!

REGIONE SICILIANA

Assessorato Cooperazione, Commercio, Artigianato e Pesca of the Regione Siciliana, Palermo

Conservation opportunity 'wasted'

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

THE Government is this summer expected to announce two big marine nature reserves to improve protection for the wildlife around Britain.

The plans, which cover Strangford Lough in Ulster and Menai Strait in North Wales, have been dismissed by conservationists as token gestures. Tony Juniper, habitats campaigner at Friends of the Earth, said he feared they were a smokescreen to fend off criticism that Britain is doing nothing to implement a more wide-ranging European initiative.

Conservationists claim that the Species and Habitats Directive offers tremendous opportunities for drafting tough laws to conserve the nation's marine heritage from over-fishing, shipping, pollution and dredging. But rather than bring in new laws in June, they say, there is growing evidence that the Environment Department will use old legislation that has proved to be inadequate.

Legal protection of coastal waters goes no further than the low water mark, and sites can be approved only by balancing the interests of conservation with the industry and commerce. The constraints have restricted approval to two island reserves: Skomer off the Dyfed coast and Lundy in the Bristol Channel.

Rob Palmer, a council member of the Marine Conservation Society, writing in next month's *Geographical* magazine, says Britain's track record on coastal conservation compares poorly with other nations. "Pesticides, chemicals, agricultural fertilisers and sewage wastes still flow down British rivers to the sea.

"The North Sea once supported a thriving tuna fishery, now long gone. Even better-known fisheries for cod, herring and salmon have declined disastrously."

Groups such as the society, Friends of the Earth, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the World Wide Fund for Nature are urging the Government to give the national, statutory conservation bodies jurisdication beyond the low water mark.

Mr Juniper said: "It has taken us more than a decade to get just four statutory marine nature reserves. There is a desperate need for legislation to protect important areas and for official action on fisheries policy and pollution control. With the new directive the Government has a chance to tackle these issues, but it appears this is being thrown away.".

City gets tough with 'bad boy' bouncers

By Kate Alderson

DOORMEN in Manchester, dogged by a reputation of starting more fights than they stop, will today begin compulsory training courses as part of the biggest clean-up operation of pubs and clubs in the country.

"Manchester Door Safe" is being vaunted as an attempt to establish the city as a safe European night spot but is, more significantly, a concerted attempt to flush out undesirables — a hard-core of Manchester's 1,200 bouncers who are gang members and use their job as a front for drug-dealing and other criminal activities.

Doorstaff will learn how to give first aid, deal with assaults, recognise drugs and will be vetted for criminal convictions. Pub and club owners will lose their liquor licences if they do not partake in the scheme, established as a joint initiative by Greater Manchester Police, the city council, brewers, licensees and the emergency services.

Gill Newall, of the city council's licensing department, said that club and pub owners had welcomed the scheme as an attempt to professionalise doorstaff who were often mistrusted and feared by the public as initiators of violence.

"Manchester has a dynamic night-life and we want our doorstaff to be professional, increase their credibility and protect the public," she said. "Vetting for criminal convictions will hopefully get rid of the city's bad lads." The courses, costing £25 and payable by the doorstaff and club and pub owners, will also teach them how to deal with bomb alerts, make citizens' arrests and the basics of licensing law and racial awareness.

A spokesman for the police force's licensing and obscene publications division said the scheme would also aim to prevent crime, extortion, disorder and drug dealing, but said that more needed to be done. "We need a national syllabus for this kind of training at technical colleges, and compulsory training courses for all licensees instead of all of the disparate courses that are going on around the country."

He said he did not anticipate any problems with the scheme: "The support from club and pub owners has been fantastic. If we do not institute this scheme we will attract undesirables who cannot get work in other cities. It is essential to enhance our image."

Clive, a doorman who works at a city centre club on Friday and Saturday evenings, was ambivalent about the project. "Anything that gives us a better image is a good thing, but the problem with the job is that it always attracts nutters," he said. "Training courses are one thing, but you can't stop some people dealing drugs and you can't suddenly turn a violent beef-cake into an angel."



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Title contender

The Channel 4 coverage of *The Times* world chess championship last year between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short has received one of the three nominations in the sports category of the Indie Awards. These have been set up to highlight the contribution that independent production companies make to British broadcasting. The other nominees are for American football and the Tour de France. The winners will be announced on March 17.

Master on the verge

Ali Mortazavi has achieved an international master performance in the Baroque tournament at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. With one round to go, Mortazavi leads with 6.5 points out of 8 tied with Neil McDonald. He needs one more performance to clinch the title.

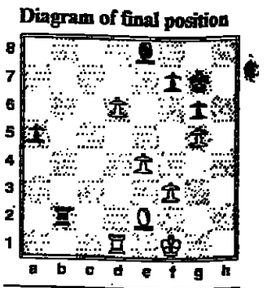
White: Mortazavi
Black: McEwan
Baroque International, February 1994

Queen's Gambit declined

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5	e3	Nbd7
6	cxd5	exd5
7	Bd3	0-0
8	Nge2	c6
9	Qc2	Re8
10	0-0	h6
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12	Bxe7	Qxe7
13	Rae1	Nxc3
14	bxc3	c5
15	Ng3	Nf6
16	f3	cxd4
17	cxd4	Bd7
18	Qb2	h5
19	h3	g6
20	e4	h4
21	Ne2	Nh5
22	Qxb7	Rab8
23	Qxd5	Be6
24	Qa5	Rb2
25	d5	Bxh3
26	Rf2	Bc8
27	Qc3	Rxa2
28	Bc4	Ra3
29	Qd2	Ng3
30	d6	Qd8
31	Qf4	Be6
32	Bb5	Qa5
33	Rb1	Rb3
34	Rd1	Nxe2+
35	Bxe2	Qe5
36	Qxh4	Rb2
37	Kf1	Bd7
38	g4	a5
39	Rh2	Kg7
40	g5	Qc3
41	Qh7+	Kf8
42	Qh8+	Qxh8
43	Rxh8+	Kg7
44	Rxe8	Bxe8

and Black resigned without waiting for White's reply which would have been 45 d7 winning a piece.

Diagram of final position



Winning Move, page 36

Shake-up in Iran media

Islamic hardliners bury fading hopes of 'Tehran spring'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT, IN CAIRO

ISLAMIC hardliners have taken control of the key cultural posts in Iran, dashing any remaining hopes of a "Tehran spring" of social liberalisation raised by the victory of pragmatic supporters of President Rafsanjani in the 1992 parliamentary poll.

The moves are expected to damage attempts to win Western financial support and deepen resentment among a public suffering economic hardship. "They are bound to increase the potential for instability," said one European diplomat.

The shake-up began with the sacking last week of the President's brother, Muhammad Hashemi, as head of the broadcasting authority after ten years in the post. He was replaced by an extreme right-winger, Ali Larijani, who banned women working as secretaries when he earlier took control of the Islamic Guidance Ministry.

Under the President's brother, Iranian television and radio had come under growing criticism from hardliners. They were infuriated by its readiness to show some Western series, such as *Miss Marple*, disliked for its portrayal of a successful woman and old-style Westerns which depicted women not wearing the chador. The attacks intensified last December when the two state television channels were joined by a third designed to provide entertainment for large sections of disaffected youth among Iran's 60 million population.

Mr Hashemi, who believed that the young needed entertainment as well as religious instruction, was severely criticised in parliament. But he managed to hold on to his post because of support from his brother, who is now seen as losing in his power struggle against Iran's more rigid spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

At a sermon last Friday in the holy city of Qom, Ayatollah Ebrahim Amini, a leading Islamic hardliner, said he expected Mr Larijani "to transform the Iranian radio and television network into an open university for moulding virtuous citizens". Further evidence of the swing towards the Islamic right came with the naming of Mostafa Mirsalim, another ideological purist, to succeed Mr Larijani as minister in charge of the influential Guidance Ministry. Its wide responsibilities range from handling the foreign press to supervising the domestic print media and cinema, as well as the embryonic Tourism Ministry.

In his first remarks since being appointed, the new minister signalled that all recent moves towards a gradual liberalisation would be quickly reversed. His statements are likely to be followed by a new crackdown against those considered to be breaching strict Islamic dress codes, particularly women who had begun defying the mullahs by allowing curls of hair to show from under their black scarves.

Mr Mirsalim told Irna, the official news agency, that Iranians should take inspiration from Islamic culture. "In order to do so, extensive programmes must be undertaken so that whatever remains of corrupt elements of the Western arts in Iran will be forever purged," he said.

☐ Tourists injured: Islamic gunmen fired on a night sleeper train from Cairo to Luxor, wounding two travellers from Poland and Taiwan, and two Egyptians passengers. It appeared that the attackers had intended to kill the many foreigners on board.

Indian parties woo bandit queen

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

ELEVEN years after being jailed without trial, Phoolan Devi, India's "bandit queen", is free. Frail and ill, she looks a far cry from the daredevil, rifle-toting woman of legend whose gang supposedly terrorised and murdered high-caste landowners.

Wearing a bandolier and red headband, she surrendered in 1983 to politicians who promised her a fair deal. They betrayed her. She was kept in jail two years longer than her agreed sentence, the result of the ruthless politics of caste. She is from a lowly fishing community: those she allegedly persecuted were Thakurs, a powerful farming caste. They want her dead.

Her release came with fanfare on Saturday when she stepped out of Delhi central jail on parole. The Supreme Court, appalled at her long detention without trial, ordered her to be released on a bond of 50,000 rupees (£1,100). Wrapped in a maroon shawl over a green sari, she beamed at a stampede of photographers and lawyers.

Politicians, who Ms Devi, 34, once described as dogs, are clamouring for her support: she is, after all, the darling of the poor and thus a vote-puller. The governing Congress Party hopes to woo her; so do the Janata Dal and the Janata Party. All are scrambling for the support of the low-caste, whose political hour has come after their victory in elections late last year in Uttar Pradesh, politically the country's most important state.

Her release became inevitable when the government of Uttar Pradesh — dominated by low castes — announced that all cases against her were being dropped. The charges included murder, extortion and banditry. Asked how she felt to be free she said: "I am happy and want to loook after my health." She has suspected stomach cancer. She was taken to an uncle's house in Delhi, where she complained that she felt "caged" by so many policemen. The Supreme Court ordered that she must receive round-the-clock police protection.

There have been many accounts of why she allegedly became a dacoit, or bandit. Her boy friend was said to have been murdered by a high-caste gunman: Thakurs were said to have gang-raped her; it has been reported that she married a man who sold her to higher castes for a cow. She complains that the legend is a lie, that she was never really a dacoit, and that the police set up the photographs of her carrying guns and a bandolier. Police say that in 1981 her gang dragged 22 Thakur men from their beds and gunned them down. Ms Devi denies it. "I don't want to meet any of my gang members because they have all become politicians," she said. "They were freed a long time ago, but freedom was denied to me." She would turn down any offer to appear in films. She said she would never marry. "Who would marry me — the dreaded Phoolan Devi? People still run away on hearing my name."



Phoolan Devi, who became a folk heroine, arriving at Delhi's Supreme Court which freed her after the Uttar Pradesh government waived all cases against her

PAC takes long view in election manifesto

FROM SAM KILEY IN KHAYELITSHA

SOUTH Africa's militant Pan Africanist Congress launched an election manifesto in this Cape Town ghetto yesterday aimed less at winning April's polls for an interim government than at establishing its credentials for elections in the future.

By accusing the African National Congress of "collaboration with the white oppressors" Clarence Makwetu, president of the PAC, clearly hoped to sow the seeds of discontent with an ANC-dominated government and harness the energy of the townships' radical youth in future campaigning. The elections in April would not "mark the beginning of *uhuru* (independence) and the end of exploitation of the masses . . . a new government would change its complexion but the status quo would remain." Mr Makwetu told an unexpectedly small crowd of about 7,000 in Khayelitsha stadium.

The PAC and its armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, recently suspended their "armed struggle". Its usual anti-white rhetoric was toned down and there were no cries of "one settler, one bullet".

But a speech by Maxwell Nemadzivhanani, the PAC's national organiser, sent a warning to President de Klerk and the ANC against making compromises with rightwing Afrikaners and Zulus by offering them a form of regional autonomy. "A moratorium on the armed struggle should not be confused with a permanent cessation of hostilities," he said.

Having split with the ANC in 1958, the PAC has been the loudest voice among the radical parties. Its manifesto does not insist on the nationalisation of industries. But it states that all land should be the property of the nation and be distributed according to need.

"We promise you land — our land — taken away by foul means. Unlike those who promise to buy land back from those who stole it, we shall never buy it back. They did not pay for it," Mr Makwetu said.

The PAC is expected to win a strong showing in the western Cape.

Afghans hold children hostage

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THREE masked Afghan gunmen who hijacked a Pakistani school bus yesterday and were holding 16 boys hostage in the Afghan embassy in Islamabad demanded a $5 million (£3.4 million) ransom, the opening of the Afghan-Pakistan border and food aid for Kabul.

"They are after money now," Zahid Saeed, a senior Pakistani official, said as he emerged from the embassy where Pakistani officials and Sardar Mohammad Roshan, Afghanistan's ambassador, were negotiating with the three men for the release of the schoolboys, aged between 12 and 14. Earlier the men, armed with pistols and hand grenades, said they would free the boys only after food supplies were delivered to Kabul, which has been suffering severe food shortages since rival Mujahidin renewed fighting for control of the city.

Naseerullah Babar, the Pakistani Home Affairs Minister, gave assurances to the gunmen that their demand that 2,000 lorryloads of food be delivered to the Afghan capital would be met. He said the aid would be delivered even if it had to be flown.

The gunmen earlier released 57 of 73 children and school staff, including six women teachers, taken hostage when they hijacked the bus in Peshawar.

Hundreds of police cordoned off the embassy. "I am happy that the Afghans are not hostile and I hope we will get everyone freed very soon," Mr Babar said, adding that he had offered the gunmen safe passage back to Afghanistan.

KGB covered up whale killings

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS ON NORFOLK ISLAND

SOVIET whaling ships for decades slaughtered at least twice as many whales as they reported to the International Whaling Commission, Russia's whaling commissioner said on this South Pacific island yesterday. The international commission imposed a global commercial whaling ban in 1987.

Former Soviet whalers say the KGB encoded all data and radio transmissions from the whaling fleet, which operated in military-style secrecy to keep numbers secret.

As whaling commissioners and biologists began a conference here to discuss a proposed 50-year ban on commercial whaling in the Antarctic, they grappled with the implications of the new Russian figures. Japan is contending at the conference that, based on present scientific data, a resumption of commercial whaling for the minke whale in the Antarctic is justified. The minke is the last species believed still to exist in numbers that could be exploited commercially — 500,000 to one million whales.

If the Soviet Union for years under-reported its catch, present estimates of how many whales are left may need revision. "I think [the kill was] maybe two times, two-and-a-half times greater than what was allowed," Konstantin Shevliagin, the Russian commissioner said.

"The opening up of this information is finally going to lead to a realistic idea of whale populations," he said. "It may turn out, after looking at this, that, in order for whale populations to recover, we need a larger number of whales than we thought."

Stephen Reilly, head of the IWC's scientific committee, said: "I think [this information] has some pretty big implications for the work we're doing here."

Killing of pregnant woman stuns Israel

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli government came under public pressure last night to crack down on Palestinians in the occupied territories after the weekend murder of a pregnant Jewish settler by militant gunmen.

Thousands of Israelis yesterday attended the funeral of Zippora Sasson, 33, who was five months pregnant when she was shot on Friday by Islamic fundamentalists near her home in the West Bank settlement of Ariel. The incident was regarded as one of the most brutal since extremist Palestinian groups launched a campaign of violence to derail the peace accord signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on September 13. Since then, 23 Israelis have been killed by Palestinians and 65 Palestinians by Israelis.

"This is the cruellest of murders, to murder a pregnant woman. Where is the honour? Where is the religious belief in the (Muslim holy) month of Ramadan?" demanded Moshe Shahal, the Police Minister, after the weekly Cabinet meeting.

Although the ministers failed to agree on an immediate course of action, it is clear that the government will have to respond harshly if there are any further killings. Izzadin al-Qassam, the military wing of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, which claimed responsibility for the attack, said that the operation was in retaliation for the killing last month of three of its members.

The latest incident sparked violent demonstrations on Saturday by Jewish settlers who went on the rampage in the Palestinian village of Bidiya and set up protest roadblocks throughout the West Bank. Right-wing opposition figures demanded that the government suspend its talks with the PLO.

Experts hot on scent of purer Métro

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

APART, perhaps, from the blend of Gitanes smoke and espresso coffee that is the distinctive aroma of the Paris café, there is surely no smell so evocative of the French capital as the that of the Métro.

In *The Wages of Fear*, a film set in far-off Central America, a mere sniff of an old ticket was enough to inflict pangs of homesickness on the exiled Yves Montand. Nostalgia buffs are advised, however, to enjoy what may be their final whiffs this year.

The RATP, the transit authority, says passengers hate the smell and associate it with the fear of violence, so it is spending a small fortune on trying to neutralise it. The good news for Paris-lovers is, however, that the authority has been fighting the pong in vain since the first line was opened, from Vincennes to Maillot, in 1900.

In the latest attempt to mask the odour, a perfume called "Francine" is being sprayed around stations — so far to little apparent effect.



The Paris Métro smells of old clothes and worse

For the past few weeks teams of experts have been wandering the corridors and carriages, noses flared and clipboards at the ready, seeking to identify the elements of what officials call an "olfactory nuisance". "It's an extremely complex phenomenon," said a spokesman. "It's hard to pin down. We've looked in vain for help with foreign networks."

Certain elements are, however obvious. Sweat and dirty clothes have always been part of it, along with cheap and expensive perfumes and the ozone emitted by sparking electricity. The experts, whose ranks include chemists, a dermatologist, a sculptor and an actor, have varying interpretations of *la puanteur* (the stench). Some are so olfactorally talented that they can tell which station they are in merely by the smell.

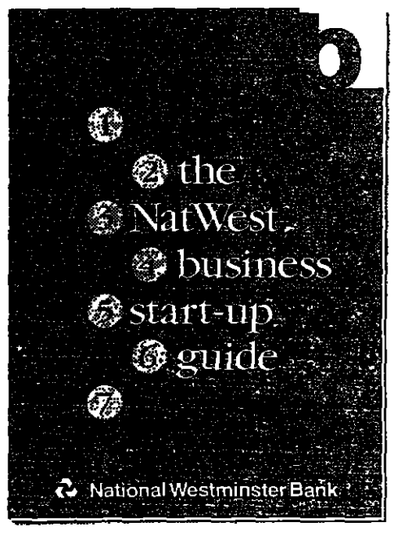
"It's a universe of grey illuminated by fleeting stains of yellow from the scent of ozone," says the internationally renowned Maurice Maurin, one of the leading "noses" called in by the RATP. M Maurin, who is the creator of a string of well-known French perfumes and advises the Hermès house, says the Parisian commuter's dislike of the Métro smell is bred more by "a fixation of fear than a reality".

The scent of sweat and stress is recognisable, he said. Even the puddles of urine which increasingly decorate the system are not necessarily always bad.

"It might seem strange, but sometimes it approaches a floral composition with overtones of narcissus," he said in the Saturday edition of *Le Figaro*.

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Catalogue of abuses by China endangers trade deal renewal

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

■ Political arrests in China are growing. In one case, a "freedom leaflet" attached to locusts' legs brought eight years in jail

THE release today of the most comprehensive list of Chinese political prisoners ever published will make it difficult for President Clinton to justify renewing the "most favoured nation" trading status to China. Mr Clinton warned Peking last year that he could sign a renewal order this June only if it had made "progress" in its treatment of political prisoners. This appears not to be the case.

The first sentence of the 664-page report, *Detained in China and Tibet*, by Asia Watch, the New York-based human rights organisation, should make Mr Clinton think carefully — "1993 was without doubt the worst year for political arrests and trials in China since mid-1990 and the aftermath of the June 4, 1989, crackdown on the pro-democracy movement."

The report, sub-titled *A Directory of Political and Religious Prisoners*, conflicts with Peking's claim that it does not hold a single political prisoner. Extending back to the 1970s, the report provides details on more than 1,700 "known or believed to be presently imprisoned in connection with their political, ethnic, or religious views".

The extent and ferocity of the detentions support an opinion of Sir Percy Cradock, a China expert and a foreign policy adviser to Baroness Thatcher and John Major. In his memoirs, serialised here in the *South China Sunday Morning Post*, he said that Deng Xiaoping's qualities include "a degree of cruelty, not to say savagery . . ."

One of those who attracted Mr Deng's rage is General Li Jijun, commander of the Peking-based 38th Army, described in the report as "court-martialled in the summer of 1989 and sentenced to five years in prison" for refusing to send his troops into Tiananmen. At the humbler end of the list is Liu Baiqiang, jailed for ten years for robbery in June 1989.

He received an additional eight years for writing tiny leaflets calling for freedom and the resignation of Mr Deng. Liu attached them to the legs of locusts, according to the indictment, with "the aim of inciting the people to overthrow . . . the people's democratic dictatorship".

In addition to the 1,230 prisoners it regards as wholly non-violent, Asia Watch highlights almost 100 other non-violent prisoners detained for ten years to life. Securing the release of this category, Asia Watch emphasises, "may be the difference between the capacity eventually to resume a normal life and permanent physical or psychological damage".

These long-term detainees include De Zhongxun, sentenced to 15 years in 1983 as a "counter-revolutionary" for leading underground evangelical churches in Shanghai and accepting bibles from overseas. Zheng Qiuwu was sentenced to 14 years in 1986 for "counter-revolutionary" activities for his "ideological heterodoxies," including advocacy of a stock market. Heterodox beliefs more commonly include underground religious sects. They are a traditional symptom of a dynastic breakdown.

In 1988 the security forces executed Cao Xiuhua, the leader of a 400-member sect called the Flowery Blue Saints, which according to her indictment included party, government and army officials. Her group had distributed 5,000 pamphlets in northeast China announcing the founding of a "Saintly Dynasty". Many of the Asia Watch detainees are accused of the crime of writing and distributing counter-revolutionary leaflets.

Asia Watch estimates that Tibetans suffer far more than ethnic Chinese from political persecution. Among its many cases is the family of Choezed Tenpa Choephel, arrested in 1986 and imprisoned for 20 months for possessing the Dalai Lama's autobiography.

Choezed died in police custody. His wife served a year for shouting independence slogans; his daughter, two years for demonstrating; and his son, four years for putting up independence posters.

Even if Peking yields to international pressure to account for its thousands of political prisoners and grants the International Red Cross access to some of them, Asia Watch observes this might have "the unintended consequence of appearing to confer international respectability or legitimacy on the repressive status quo".

China's gulag, page 12

Peking: China's population will exceed 1.2 billion this year, six years before the target date set at a national conference in 1981. The population reached 1.186 billion in 1993, China News Service said yesterday. An expected 15.5 million increase this year would take the figure past 1.2 billion. *(Reuter)*



VOTERS waiting outside a polling booth at the weekend in the constituency of Datuk Dr Joseph Pairin Kitingan, leader of the Sabah Unity Party in east Malaysia. His party narrowly won the election, but the state Governor last night refused to swear in Dr Pairin and said he would decide today who should head a new government (M.G.G. Pillai writes from Kuala Lumpur). Defeat for the governing National Front came despite the promise of huge resources for the state, including the equivalent of £7 million for Chinese education and establishment of a university. Dr Pairin, whose party beat the national coalition of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, was still in his car outside the locked gates of the Governor's mansion last night, 18 hours after he arrived to be sworn in. Dr Pairin is trying to thwart any move by Dr Mahathir's men in the meantime to entice his newly elected legislators — who have been isolated in the Chief Minister's mansion — into defecting, a common feature of Sabah's politics. Dr Mahathir said in Kuala Lumpur that, if anyone reports that he has been kept against his will, "perhaps the police will have to act to free whoever had been kidnapped". A Sabah party official at the Chief Minister's residence said the legislators preferred to stay "and give support to the Chief Minister". Dr Pairin's Christian-dominated party won 25 seats in the 48-member assembly against the National Front's 23. Legislators in the past have frequently changed parties to join the winning side after polls.

West Point black given justice after 100 years

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MORE than a century after a black cadet was viciously attacked at West Point, and then discharged after the authorities accused the former slave of fabricating the incident, the United States Military Academy is being forced to rewrite one of the darkest chapters in its history.

On April 5, 1880, Johnson Chesnut Whittaker, 22, one of a handful of blacks to attend the academy in the post-Civil War period, was found bloody and unconscious in his dormitory. His arms and legs had been lashed to his bed, his bible had been ripped up and he had been savagely beaten. Instead of seeking to identify Whittaker's white assailants, the former slave was discharged after a court-martial in which the prosecutor said: "Negroes are noted for their ability to sham and feign".

Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina last month introduced legislation "to right a wrong" by granting Whittaker a posthumous commission as an army officer. Some 23 blacks attended West Point between 1870 and 1890 but only three graduated, and the Whittaker case came to symbolise the festering racial sores left by the Civil War.

Whittaker's accusers alleged he had staged the attack to garner sympathy because he was about to fail a philosophy examination and faced possible expulsion. "He's a nigger and niggers are capable of anything," a fellow cadet told *The New York Times*.

But Whittaker's supporters insisted the cadet was a victim of ingrained racial prejudice. During his trial the prosecutor described Whittaker as a member of an "inferior race".

In 1882, President Chester Arthur overturned Whittaker's "illegal" conviction and expulsion, but he was forbidden to return to West Point. He later taught psychology, became a headmaster, and died in Oklahoma in 1931.

Clinton to heal rift with big welcome for Major

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

President Clinton is to roll out the red carpet for John Major when he visits Washington next week in an effort to dispel the widely held belief that the "special relationship" between Britain and America has turned sour.

After angering and embarrassing the Prime Minister by admitting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, to America last month, Mr Clinton is to try to make amends by lavishing more attention on Mr Major than he has on any other visiting foreign leader since he took office. Next Monday Mr Major will become the first world leader to spend a night at the White House as a guest of the Clintons and, it is believed, the first British Prime Minister to do so since Churchill.

Mr Clinton has invited Mr Major to fly with him earlier that day on Air Force One to Pittsburgh, where the Prime Minister's father grew up. They will dine at a Pittsburgh restaurant before returning to the White House. This goes far beyond the routine White House meeting, lunch and press conference accorded other Presidents and Prime Ministers.

President Kim Young Sam of South Korea is the only one to have been given a formal White House dinner. Earlier this month the President invited Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, to a private breakfast; before that, he lunched at a Washington restaurant with Helmut Kohl the German Chancellor, but that is all. To make sure the message gets across, Washington-based British journalists are being invited to the White House for one-to-one briefings with top officials to emphasise Britain's continuing importance to this Administration.

British officials, who had pushed hard for such an overt display of friendship, are delighted that Mr Clinton is going to such lengths. "It's quite a gesture," said one. "He's going out of his way to show that, contrary to what some people have said, the relationship between Mr Clinton and Mr Major, and between the UK and America, is in excellent shape."

Stories of bad blood between the two leaders date back to the 1992 presidential election, when the Home Office searched its files for information on Mr Clinton's activities when he was a student at Oxford.

Relations between Washington and London were further strained by disputes over Bosnia. To cap it all, Mr Clinton's decision to allow Mr Adams into America despite strenuous British protests was seen as proof that the Administration cared little about the special relationship.



Major-Ball: spent early years in Pittsburgh

In the end, however, the White House was dismayed when, as the British had predicted, Mr Adams turned his 48-hour visit into a propaganda triumph and failed to offer any concessions to justify the President's decision. White House officials were also said to have been taken aback by the depth of the British Government's anger, and Mr Clinton clearly hopes to use Mr Major's visit, if not to admit he was mistaken, at least to make peace.

Pittsburgh, dramatically located where the Ohio and Allegheny rivers meet in the mountains of western Pennsylvania, has been chosen both as a symbol of urban renewal in the wake of the demise of its steel mills and because Mr Major's grandfather and father both lived there. His grandfather cleaned blast-furnaces and Tom Major-Ball, his father, lived there until he joined a circus as a teenager.

The city also happens to have a very large Irish-American population whose ancestors came over earlier this century to work in the steel mills. It is the home of Tony O'Reilly, head of the Heinz Corporation. Tom Murphy, the new mayor, is a Democrat who supports the MacBride Principles barring American firms in Ulster from discriminating against Roman Catholics. The Rooneys and the Mellons are the city's leading families.

In the wake of the Adams episode, a demonstration against Britain's presence in Northern Ireland would embarrass both leaders but, unlike New York or Boston, Pittsburgh's Irish-Americans are generally moderate and well-to-do and a serious protest is considered unlikely. There was only a tiny demonstration when the Prince of Wales visited Pittsburgh in the late 1980s.

The city's renaissance has been built largely on high technology and banking. The two leaders will see an example of how an old "smokestack" industry has been converted to create new jobs, and Mr Clinton will use the visit to focus attention on the "jobs summit" he is hosting in Detroit next month.

Before flying to Pittsburgh Mr Major will meet Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, William Perry, the Defence Secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury Secretary, and congressional leaders. Next day he flies to New York to address the British-American Chamber of Commerce.

Zapatista rebels leave their hideouts for peace talks

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

MEXICAN guerrilla leaders emerged last night from hidden camps in the rain forests of the southern state of Chiapas to attend peace talks with the government starting today.

The meeting will be held at the 16th-century Roman Catholic cathedral of San Cristóbal de las Casas, the town where the Indian peasant rebellion began on January 1. Security was tightened to protect the Zapatista rebels, who are being escorted to the negotiations in convoys by the International Red Cross and the Catholic church.

The cathedral was cordoned off yesterday by baton-wielding military police, and inside a white sheet marked with a Red Cross insignia was draped around a "Space for Peace" where the talks are to be held between an estimated 15 rebels, Manuel Camacho, a government-appointed peace commissioner, and Bishop Samuel Ruiz of San Cristóbal.

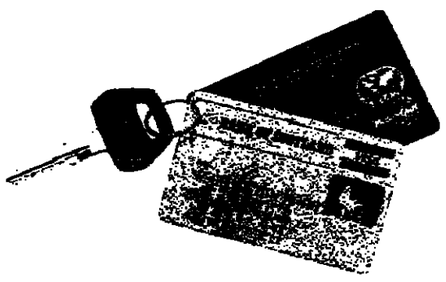
The cathedral has symbolic importance for the Indian rebels since it was where a former bishop, Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, a militant Dominican friar from Spain and a prominent defender of Indian rights, delivered fierce sermons in the 1540s.

His protests to the Spanish crown against the enslavement of the Indians by Spanish conquistadors earned him a place in Mexican history books and his name was given to the town of 85,000 inhabitants. But it did not stop the mistreatment of the Indians.

Señor Camacho said the rebels would be allowed to enter the town, which they briefly occupied during the uprising seven weeks ago, with their guns and wearing their customary balaclavas. "If I have to sit opposite someone with a machinegun who prefers not to take off his balaclava, I will respect that," he said. It is thought unlikely that Mgr Ruiz will allow the rebels to enter the church with their guns.

Great expectation surrounds whether the rebel delegation will include the man who calls himself Sub-Commander Marcos, who has captured the imagination of Mexicans with his Robin Hood image but has kept his identity secret. The Zapatistas have demanded wide political and economic reforms. The government says that it will consider only local problems and will not discuss national political issues.

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Thirty-something Barbie battles to stay slim

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK



Barbie: now 35, the doll is equipped to fight flab

BARBIE, that enduring weathervane of American cultural attitudes, turns 35 this month and with the passing years she is taking a more mature, health-conscious approach to life.

At the International Toy Fair in New York this week, Mattel launched "Gymnast Barbie", a model with double-jointed legs and arms able to perform Yoga positions, sit-ups and the splits. She also has developed flat feet. Also there is the new "Bicyclin' Barbie", designed to sit astride a bicycle for that all-important workout and thus enable her to retain her girlish figure.

Last year Mattel unveiled "Totally Hair Barbie", with more hair that could be endlessly coiffed and recoiffed without spoiling. Other manufacturers have elaborated on the theme by designing dolls with hair that can not only be plaited, permed and primped, but dyed in various shades of blond, brunette and even punk pink. With the unveiling of "Bedtime Barbie", you might have expected Barbie to retire in one of those lacy nighties and negligée. Instead she is equipped with a shapeless pink flannel nightgown. With middle age approaching, this perhaps seems only right.

Annual worldwide sales of Barbie and her accessories reached $1 billion (about £675 million) last year. The Baltimore Museum of Art is holding a Barbie Ball on February 26 in honour of the doll's birthday, and more than 80 of the country's top fashion designers have contributed outfits for the thirty-something doll. American toy manufacturers have quickly cottoned on to the notion of ageing, and are designing dolls that not only do everything humans do but develop and become educated at the same time. Last year Tyco launched the "Mommy's Having a Baby" doll, which sported a detachable stomach containing a foetus, to the outrage of anti-abortion activists.

The company has followed that idea with "Growing Up Kathy", a "magical doll that grows up from a little girl into a real teen". Yes, pubescent dolls have arrived. When Kathy's arms are raised, her breasts pop out.

The possible effect this could have on the impressionable minds of America's youth is easy to imagine: thousands of girls wandering around with their arms in the air waiting for Nature to take its proper course.

16 killed in attack on ANC youths

Johannesburg: Sixteen young African National Congress supporters, one a boy of 12, were killed as they camped overnight in an empty house in Natal province. The killings were described by the police, hardened by years of warfare between the ANC and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, as one of the most brutal they had seen (Ray Kennedy writes).

Residents in the village of Mahehle in southern Natal said the youths had gathered in the abandoned, roofless house in advance of an ANC election meeting and were apparently cooking maize when they were attacked by four men with assault rifles. Only one youth survived the attack. A substantial reward has been offered for information leading to the killers.

Pact signed

Amman: Yemen's rival leaders signed a reconciliation pact here designed to avert civil war and fragmentation of their country. Politicians and tribal chieftains watched President Saleh and Vice-President Ali Salem al-Baidh sign the pact. *(Reuter)*

Poll challenge

Rome: The daughter of a Somali princess, Dacia Valent, will stand as an anti-racist candidate against Alessandra Mussolini, the neo-Fascist granddaughter of Italy's wartime dictator, for a Naples seat in the general election next month. *(Reuter)*

Smugglers die

Nicosia: Iranian security forces killed 20 drug runners, arrested 103 and seized 7,231 lb of opium from a convoy in the southeastern province of Sistan va Baluchestan bordering Pakistan, an official said. *Reuter)*

Amazon Queen

Georgetown: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh headed for an Indian reservation in the Amazon jungle on a visit to Guyana, their first since 1966 when it became independent. Later they were to visit a private nature resort south of here. *(AP)*

Oil men killed

Oslo: Two Danes were killed and another injured in an accident on the North Sea Tordis oilfield, according to Saga Petroleum, the operator. No details were available, but the men were helping to lift the anchor of the rig Vildkatt Explorer at the time. *(Reuter)*

Asset strippers

Amsterdam: Dutch police are hunting a gang of supermarket robbers who rely on female accomplices stripping off their clothes to create a distraction for staff while the thieves steal goods. *(Reuter)*

Nato struggles to win credibility after Moscow's revenge



Akashi: needs to widen his bombing threat formula

ANALYSIS

Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, draws up a balance sheet of an ethnic conflict that challenged the military might of the West and developed into a war that refuses to die

THE Bosnian conflict was never going to be a simple civil war, running its natural course until the warring parties stopped through exhaustion. This may have been the hope of Western leaders, but as Nato's midnight deadline passed it was clear to even the most blinkered politician in the West that much more has been at stake over Bosnia.

The credibility of the Nato alliance, the future role of the United Nations, and now even relations between Russia and its former Cold War antagonists have become wrapped up in the Balkan mire. The winners and losers in this war are not just those fighting for territory.

It is a characteristic of Bosnia that nothing is as it seems. Theoretically, the Bosnian Serbs have been forced by the threat of Nato military muscle to stop shelling Sarajevo and to withdraw or hand over their heavy guns, which throughout the 22-month conflict have been the single most potent weapon of war and the symbol of Serb aggression.

Nato's belated determination to grit its teeth and threaten air strikes undoubtedly concentrated the Serbs' mind in the past ten days. Despite the apparent disagreement last week between Nato and the UN over what action was required to "control" the heavy guns not withdrawn from the 12-mile exclusion zone, Serb military and political leaders realised that, once Nato's North Atlantic Council had authorised air strikes, the alliance was probably not blustering as it had done so often.

However, the influx of UN troop reinforcements on the high ground around Sarajevo has effectively institutionalised the strategic advances made by the Serbs in 22 months. The Serbs can withdraw with their guns, satisfied that Sarajevo will remain a divided city, not a Bosnian government capital, and that any attempt by the Muslims to take over the positions they have abandoned will be thwarted by the UN.

The Serbs never imagined they could take Sarajevo. They had guns, but not the manpower to seize and hold ground. So demilitarisation of the city was in the Serbs' interest, just as it was in Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia, where the Muslim forces had to hand over their weapons to the UN troops in return for humanitarian aid and an end to the daily shelling.

The Russians' intervention at the last moment also played into the Serbs' hands. Not only could they claim it was Moscow which had persuaded them to withdraw but they had the guarantee of Russian paratroops in place. Most important for the Serbs, however, was that Moscow was able to dictate terms to the West. Glowing from the applause for their diplomatic coup, the Russians had only one message for Nato — no air strikes. For Moscow, this must have been sweet revenge after Nato's deliberate move to exclude them from the bombing decision.

This was not entirely Nato's fault because it was Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, who decided to turn to the North Atlantic Council instead of the Security Council. The Russians felt left out, and after all the promises from Nato of a new *Partnership for Peace* the ten-day ultimatum to the Serbs from the still exclusively 16-member Nato headquarters in Brussels must have caused significant damage to the sensitive relations developing between Moscow and the alliance since the Cold War ended. The Russians will not be inclined to forget or forgive.

So with Moscow triumphant, has Nato lost its first real battle for post-Cold War credibility? The answer lies in the hands of two men, a Briton and a Japanese. If Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the robust commander of UN forces in Bosnia, and his closest political boss, Yasushi Akashi, the special UN envoy, can ensure 100 per cent compliance with Nato's ultimatum and can work out a similar bomb-threat formula for other cities and towns under artillery siege, spreading demilitarisation around Bosnia, then the alliance will be able to hold up its head and say it has played a significant role in forging peace. For now, the Russians are leading the field and the Serbs can redeploy their guns and manpower, neither needed for Sarajevo, in preparation for a spring offensive in other parts of Bosnia, such as Bihac, where they want to join up Knin and Banja Luka, and at Brcko in the northeast, where they plan to expand the Posavena corridor that runs along the top of Bosnia from Serbia to the Serb enclave at Krajina in Croatia.

The principal losers will be the Muslims. For although General Rose's courage and leadership have helped to stop the shelling of Sarajevo and may contribute towards ceasefires in other besieged cities, Bosnia will remain a divided country in which the Muslims will be squeezed into small territorial pockets and their enemies will occupy the rest. Moreover, the more UN troops fly in to police the ceasefires, the less chance the Muslims will have to regain the territory they have lost to the Serbs and the Croats.

Clinton keeps up threat of Bosnia bombing raids

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ **The President has gone on television to tell Americans why US jets might be going into combat in Europe again. His response to Russia's role in Bosnia was cool**

PRESIDENT Clinton has finally explained US interests in the Balkans to the American people, at the same time warning the Bosnian Serbs that they will pay a "heavy price" if they fail to honour Nato's deadline for withdrawing their heavy weapons around Sarajevo.

Mr Clinton said there had been "encouraging signs" from the Serbs, but the allies remained ready to begin bombing their guns if United Nations and Nato authorities decided that last night's midnight deadline had not been met. In practice, this means it will be first light in Bosnia today, probably even later, before any violations of the Nato ultimatum can be confirmed. Heavy weekend cloud hampered reconnaissance by US satellites and Nato aircraft.

Mr Clinton's weekly radio address from the Oval Office included television for his message to justify the possibility that US aircraft might be going into combat. He said this century had shown that America could not afford to ignore conflicts in Europe. Bosnia, he said, had distinct interests for America, one of which was to prevent the crisis becoming a wider war that could threaten Nato allies and undermine the transition to democracy of former Communist states.

The US also had interests in showing that Nato remained a credible force for peace, in stemming the flow of Bosnian refugees and helping to stop the strangulation of Sarajevo and the slaughter of innocents. Mr Clinton said Europe must bear most of the responsibility for solving the problem "and indeed it has".

He again said he would not send US ground forces "to impose a settlement that the parties to the conflict do not accept", but US interests and the responsibilities of leadership demanded active involvement in finding a solution.

Mr Clinton said the Russians had made "very important contributions" by using their influence with the Serbs. Echoing the mood in Washington, where Russia's return to the world stage has been greeted with suspicion, this was a mild comment, well short of thanking President Yeltsin for his intervention.

The doubts of the Administration centre on the realisation that the Russians trumped their ultimatum and now have an important seat at the peace table as well as troops on the ground in Bosnia. Worse, the Serbs have gone from being friendless aggressors to having a strong patron at their side who can stick up for them when the Americans and Europeans try to win concessions for the Muslim victims of the war.

One consequence of the Russian intervention is that Mr Yeltsin has already asked Mr Clinton to press the Muslims to reach a settlement that would reward the Serbs by allowing them to hold on to much of the terrain they have seized by force. This request was made when the two presidents finally spoke by telephone after two days during Mr Yeltsin, indignant because the Nato bombing decision was taken without consulting him, had remained mysteriously unreachable by the White House.

During the conversation, according to a White House official, Mr Clinton resisted the pressure for the Muslims to yield terrain, but promised he would call the Russian leader before any bombing takes place. The remark is revealing for what it says about previous insistence by officials that the chain of command for approving air strikes lay strictly with the UN and Nato officers on the ground.

But the Americans, and to a lesser extent the Europeans, must blame themselves for slighting Mr Yeltsin, who had made his eagerness to be treated as an equal partner clear from the way he barged his way into the annual G7 summit of the major industrialised democracies.

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A cyclist making his way through the snow in Sarajevo's main street yesterday carrying aid parcels sent by the Red Cross. The city has been coming to terms with an uneasy calm in the ten days since the Nato ultimatum

Pressure applied to Zagreb

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN ZAGREB

THE United States is putting pressure on Zagreb not only to end the war in central Bosnia but to find a settlement which could lead to some kind of loose confederation between Croatia and Bosnia.

Haris Silajdjic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, and Mate Granic, the Croatian Foreign Minister, spent seven hours in Frankfurt at the weekend in American-backed talks, after which both sides agreed that a "serious step" had been taken which might lead to a settlement on Bosnia's future.

The plan seems to be for a unitarian Bosnian state consisting of seven regions instead of three republics. But there are still considerable differences to be overcome, though both sides regard this as a promising start.

This appears to mean that the Croats are ready to abandon their earlier insistence on a separate Herceg-Bosna republic tied loosely to the Bosnian state, but clearly only as a first step towards union with neighbouring Croatia.

The special US envoy to former Yugoslavia, Charles Redman, had a meeting beforehand with the Croatian Foreign Minister when, according to the Croatian spokesman, he told him of the Administration's decision to take a more active part in seeking a Bosnian solution.

The ultimate aim would be to seek some kind of confederal arrangement between the two states. Such an idea has been floated in the past by the Bosnian president, but it was frustrated by a blunt refusal from Belgrade two years ago when it insisted that Yugoslavia should be a centralised federation.

UN troops open fire on looters

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN VITEZ

UNITED Nations troops yesterday fired on a 300-strong civilian mob as it attempted to loot a convoy after two vehicles became stuck in heavy snow near Novi Travnik in central Bosnia.

During the firing, which involved members of the crowd, Bosnian civil police militiamen, and soldiers from the Belgian-Netherlands UN transport battalion, a woman and man were wounded in the legs. Initial radio reports on the UN military net suggest they were hit by 9mm rounds fired by the Belgians. Two British Warrior vehicles escorting the convoy fired warning overhead bursts with 7.62mm chain guns before the crowd eventually dispersed.

It is the sixth consecutive UN convoy to be attacked in as many days while attempting to pass through central Bosnia. Two days ago a Dutch UN officer ordered his men to hand over nine tonnes of flour rather than lose control in a similar situation, as British Warrior escorts looked on helplessly.

All the attacks have occurred along the stretch of road linking Gornji Vakuf with Novi Travnik. Such attacks seem likely to increase and highlight Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose's desperate need for reinforcements.

Already the UN presence in Sarajevo has been significantly bolstered at the expense of units in central Bosnia. An air of despondency hangs over command elements in the British battalion, whose operational capacity has been drastically curtailed by the loss of a Warrior company to the besieged city, while a further squadron of Light Dragoons has been stood by at six hours' notice to join them. The result is that the Coldstream battalion group is expected to provide security on the 80-mile supply route behind Tomislavgrad and Zenica with only a third of its original manpower.

"The road is the absolute key to feeding the whole of central Bosnia," said Larry Hollingworth, head of the United Nations aid effort to the region. "Nato plans were not shared with us. I would sincerely hope the security of the corridor has not been jeopardised by this."

British plans to establish a permanent presence of Light Dragoons in Zepce, from which to launch an operation to feed the besieged Maglaj enclave, were the first to be shelved following their redeployment. The Coldstreamers' predicament is reflected by several other units, notably the Nordic Battalion in Tuzla, whose 130-man commitment to Sarajevo seems certain to delay its intended opening of Tuzla airport.

So while Sarajevo remains politically symbolic, its relevance to the rest of the war in Bosnia is questionable. General Rose has committed his resources to Sarajevo and, without the 3,000 additional reinforcements he has requested, they seem destined to remain, leaving a dangerous void elsewhere.

Britain's reluctance to supply any more troops other than the 60 artillery-locating specialists leaves General Rose a Samson-like figure, propping up the pillars in Sarajevo as the rest of Bosnia crashes into a bloody, anarchic mess around him.

Serbs greet their Russian saviours

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE

The Russians are coming. From Saturday evening the rumour swirled around the Bosnian Serb headquarters town of Pale. Yesterday afternoon they made their triumphal entry. Waving three-fingered Serb victory signs, the 400 soldiers, in a 70-vehicle column, crawled through the town as hundreds gathered to cheer and clap.

Children jumped on top of lumbering armoured personnel carriers and babies were thrust up to lorry windows for Russian kisses. "Not only did they save us from air strikes," said Ljeposava, who had come to wave, "they'll save us from a Muslim offensive too."

The Russian United Nations troops passed through Pale on their way to Orhavica, a Serb-held part of Sarajevo. They came as part of an 800-strong contingent promised by President Yeltsin, in a deal he hopes will avert Nato air strikes.

The announcement made last Thursday that the Serbs would pull back their heavy weaponry around Sarajevo, in exchange for the participation of Russian peacekeepers, radically altered the diplomatic equation. Serbs were yesterday keen to show their gratitude.

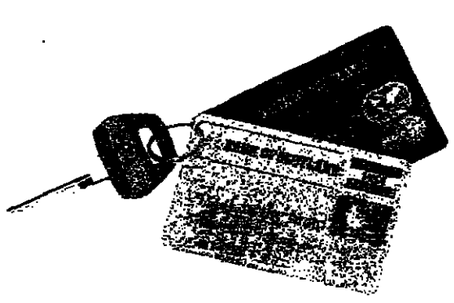
Soldiers jumped up behind lorries to shake hands with the troops inside, and flowers and bottles of alcohol were thrust through lorry windows.

Just before the Russian convoy rounded the hill to drive down to Pale, three Nato jets passed overhead in what, in any other circumstances, might be considered airshow antics. "Shameful," Ljeposava said. "We are a small people. They have no reason to show off such power." Vaso, another of those welcoming the troops, said that "the Russians are Orthodox like us and our friends". It was a typical expression of the faith that many have in the Russians.

Others, however, are more cynical. They say that they have intervened solely out of self-interest, to reassert their role in the world. Some see purely political motives in the move by Moscow. For them, Mr Yeltsin has sent his soldiers as a means to reassert his power in an increasingly nationalistic Russia.

Serb leaders hope that Russian soldiers deployed on the frontlines will mean that they will freeze them, so they eventually become the borders of a Greater Serbia.

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China's hidden gulag

Harry Wu, a victim of forced labour for 19 years, returned to film secretly the camps that bolster dictatorship



Slave labour for selling cheap goods to the West and reinforcing repression at home: Harry Wu photographed workers at Qinghai Number 2 labour camp in August, 1991

I left China in 1985 after waiting more than four years for a passport. I had barely scraped together enough money for my air ticket, and I arrived in San Francisco with $40 in my pocket. During my first weeks in America, I worked day and night, even sleeping on the desk in my university office so that I could stay awake to work the late shift in a Berkeley doughnut shop.

That first year I read a number of books about China written in English. I found that none of the histories or memoirs included any detail about the labour-reform camps, even though that experience had affected hundreds of thousands of my countrymen during the past 40 years. At the University of California, Santa Cruz, in 1986, I gave a talk to students and faculty, recounting many of the events in my personal life. Before that sympathetic audience the tears rolled down my cheeks.

Then in 1991 I married a woman from Taiwan named Ching-lee and for the first time found deep personal happiness, but just two months after our wedding I arranged to travel back to China with a CBS camera crew. I believed people in the West did not grasp the critical role of the labour camp system in supporting and perpetuating Communist Party rule. I wanted to show the world the camps into which I and so many others had disappeared.

I understood that returning to China with this objective meant risking my own rearrest and reimprisonment. Despite the danger, Ching-lee insisted on accompanying me.

I arrived in Tianjin after a flight from Hong Kong on June 9, 1991, and registered my visa with the Chinese Customs Office. At the crowded railway station the next morning, I hired a passenger van. I told the driver we were going to visit a friend who worked as a security guard at the Qinghe Farm. Fortunately, he asked no questions.

At the Yonghe Bridge over the Yongding River, the driver offered some explanation to an armed police guard, who let us pass. In front of us stretched the western district of Qinghe Farm, which I had not seen since 1969. Ten minutes further down the road, we passed a 20ft brick wall topped with electrified wires. Its iron gates stood tightly closed. Above them I saw a sign announcing the Beijing Qinghe Shrimp Farm. During the winter of 1961-62, I had spent four months close to starvation inside those walls in the area I knew then as Section 585.

I asked the driver to stop so that my wife could urinate. When he objected that this was not a good spot, I insisted her need was urgent, and he stopped the van near the gates. We walked along a narrow path, following the curve of the wall. Ching-lee carried a video-camera hidden inside her shoulder bag, its lens protruding through a small hole so that she could photograph the surroundings. In a few moments we reached the graveyard I had known as Section 586. The reeds grew as tall as my head, and they whistled in the wind. The past rushed before me, but I had no time to reflect. I heard footsteps behind us. A security guard shouted at us, "Who are you? Where are you from?".

"We are from Shanghai on our way to Chadian to visit a friend who works in the farm headquarters," I answered to give Ching-lee time to videotape. The guard let us pass, and we climbed into the van.

On the north side of the road, I could see hundreds of prisoners digging a long expanse of irrigation ditch. Most of them worked without shirts in the summer heat. I realised that the labour conditions had not changed since 1969. Later we passed other prisoners working in vineyards, in rice fields and repairing roads. All the while Ching-lee pointed the camera out of the window.

On June 13, Ching-lee and I rented bicycles and rode out to the Tuanhe Farm southwest of Peking. We had hidden the travelling bag containing the small video-camera in her bicycle basket. Taking a side path on to the farm property, we stopped while I pretended to fix my bicycle. Ching-lee began to film. Suddenly two other bicycles appeared. One blocked the path ahead of me while the other rammed purposely into my bike. A security policeman twisted my arms against my back.

When I insisted I was a visitor from America, he let me go, telling me that this was a forbidden area and that I would have to pay a fine. I argued that I had lost my way and that I had seen no sign prohibiting entrance. Then I stuffed a wad of money into his hand. He seemed satisfied, and we climbed on to our bicycles and turned away.

On June 19, we reached the Yinging Coal Mine, which I knew by its internal name as the Shanxi Number 2 Labour Reform Detachment. There I found two workers I knew well who had been transferred from Wangzhuang in 1978, and I asked them to take me up to the hills near a mine entrance. Ching-lee climbed behind me along the rough path, photographing the dormitories and the watchtowers below as well as our guides. I knew I could trust my old friends, but I feared at each step that we would be detected.

The next morning one of them went with us by bus to the Guzhuang Coal Mine, also called the Shanxi Number 13 Labour Reform Detachment, which was 20km away. He told us to wait in an empty dormitory room while he found some workers whom we could interview on camera. For more than three hours, I asked these men questions about their past, their life in the mine, their labour, their salary, their visiting rights, their current political status, trying to learn how much the situation of resettlement workers had changed since my release in 1979.

Ching-lee and I reached Taiyuan the next day and flew to Shanghai. There I adopted the identity of a business representative for an American company. Ching-lee posed as my secretary. We visited the Shanghai Labour Reform Machinery Factory, the Shanghai Labour Reform Steel Pipe Factory and the Huadong Electric Welding Factory. Our goal was to obtain an export contract for forced labour products and official brochures describing the prison labour enterprises, and also to film the surroundings where forced labour products were manufactured.

I had hoped to pass the remaining videotapes to an American contact at a Shanghai hotel. When that person proved unwilling to carry out the films for me, I again feared discovery and immediately changed course, boarding a train to Hangzhou. There I had a friend who had been released from the Wangzhuang Coal Mine in 1979.

My former squadmate asked no questions when I appeared suddenly at his home. I wanted him to take one of Ching-lee's suitcases through customs at the Hanzhou airport and check it as unaccompanied cargo on the flight to Hong Kong. He took a considerable risk, but the plan worked smoothly. Ching-lee concealed eight other rolls of film and some of the written materials from the labour-reform enterprises inside her shoes and her underwear, and we flew to Hong Kong separately.



> I spent four months starving inside those walls

On July 24, I returned to China alone, preparing to travel with the CBS News crew. I made some arrangements by telephone and fax to inform the Shanghai Labour Reform Machinery Detachment that I would be returning in ten days prepared to sign a contract. Then I left by myself for Qinghai province far to the northwest, site of the largest concentration of labour-reform camps in China.

A former prisoner named Zhou met me in Xining, the capital of Qinghai province. After serving an eight-year sentence for counter-revolutionary crimes, he had remained for 27 years as a resettlement worker. Along Nanshan Street he showed me a number of factories that looked on the outside like ordinary state-owned enterprises but that in fact were labour-reform facilities.

At the Qinghai Hide and Garment Factory, whose internal name was the Qinghai Number 2 Labour Reform Detachment, I presented the business card of an American company manager. The detachment leaders offered to sell me 200,000 square feet of lambskins for $1.49 per square foot. They told me proudly that they had their own Hong Kong sales agents and that they had exported their products to Japan and Australia.

I asked a manager named Wan whether he could guarantee the quality of his products. He escorted me to the company's display room and allowed me to take photographs of their medals and awards, some sample orders from foreign countries and an export licence. I even managed to point my lens quickly at the one item he told me not to photograph, a banner hanging on the rear wall commending the factory as an "advanced collective for suppressing rebellion and preventing chaos", dated October 1989, four months after Tiananmen Square.

At last, I thought, I can show the world evidence of the two functions of the labour-reform camps. Politically they suppress dissidents to reinforce the system of dictatorship, while economically they exploit prisoners to earn foreign exchange for the Chinese communist regime.

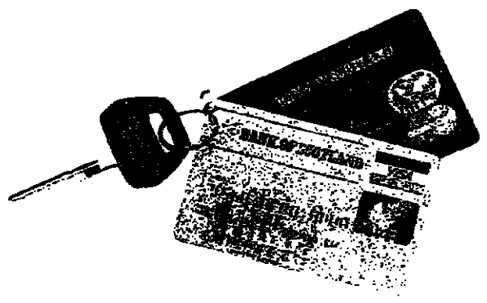
After my return from Qinghai, I waited with the CBS reporters on August 12, 1991, in a suite at Shanghai's Poterman Hotel, where the delegation from the Shanghai Labour Reform Machinery Factory would meet us to sign a contract. The cameraman, posing as my company's executive secretary, had hidden three different cameras inside the room so that he could shoot from different angles. The negotiations proceeded smoothly and we signed an agreement to purchase $90,000 worth of goods.

On September 15, 1991, CBS aired the *60 Minutes* programme about my return to China, documenting the extent of the labour-reform system and the government's sale of forced labour products. A cover story on the Chinese gulag appeared the same day in the international edition of *Newsweek* magazine. On September 19, China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Jianmin released a statement.

"CBS and *Newsweek* magazine have severely distorted the facts. They are notorious for vilifying China, which results from their ideological prejudice and their extreme hatred of the Chinese socialist system, which has been chosen by the Chinese people. The author has mistaken black for white and confused right with wrong." For me it was another small triumph.

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Great, a feminist Womble

Some interfering types are sure they know what's best for children



LIBBY PURVES

Lloyd's of London has a lot to answer for, but only now do we find that on top of everything else they have gone and landed us with a feminist Womble. It is all their fault: Elizabeth Beresford, who created the environmentally conscientious fur-balls twenty years ago, put her profits into being a Lloyd's Name. So now she finds it difficult to resist a demand from a TV rights company that she write more books. And, this being 1994, she has been told that whereas there is no problem with Tobermory and Great Uncle Bulgaria (lucky he wasn't called Yugoslavia), Madame Cholet will not do. No more motherly white aprons, no more baking bracken pies: in the new cast there must be a "younger, liberated" she-Womble. A competition has been launched to name it. I favour "Islington", myself.

The usual cracks about PC are being made, just as they were when Sooty's girlfriend Soo stopped telling him how clever he was and started bossing him and Sweep around. But the whole thing proves that we are very muddled about how best to entertain our children. We know we don't want porn or sadism: beyond that, we flounder.

The truth is that a boy infant is perfectly likely to identify with Madame Cholet or a girl with Tobermory, as long as nearby adults let them. The obsessive worry of the broadcasting mandarins about whether furry rags are promoting sexism would not be so annoying, though, were it not that those same mandarins are perfectly happy to buy in appallingly violent American cartoons, to let children's presenters witter without grammar or logic, and to hire adults' idols like Joanna Lumley and Paul Merton to read *Jackanory* Autocue (rather badly) instead of spending the money on good stories, compellingly read. Even if by relative unknowns.

Cut to another part of the forest, where the film censor James Ferman defiantly sticks by his award of a "12" certificate to the comedy *Mrs Doubtfire*. This is not on the grounds that the family breakup scenes might distress sensitive children (they might: but PG means you should evaluate your own child's robustness). It is because of three lines of mumbled dialogue in which Robin Williams, disguised as an old Scottish nanny, tries to put his rival off his wife. It is so quickly over that even my husband totally missed the sexual innuendo. Only the most precociously knowing child could possibly pick it up; even my eleven-year-old didn't (what do you mean, lawbreaking? How do you know I didn't take him to Scunthorpe, where the local authority has sensibly rebelled?). It is a lovely film for families to see and talk about, together.

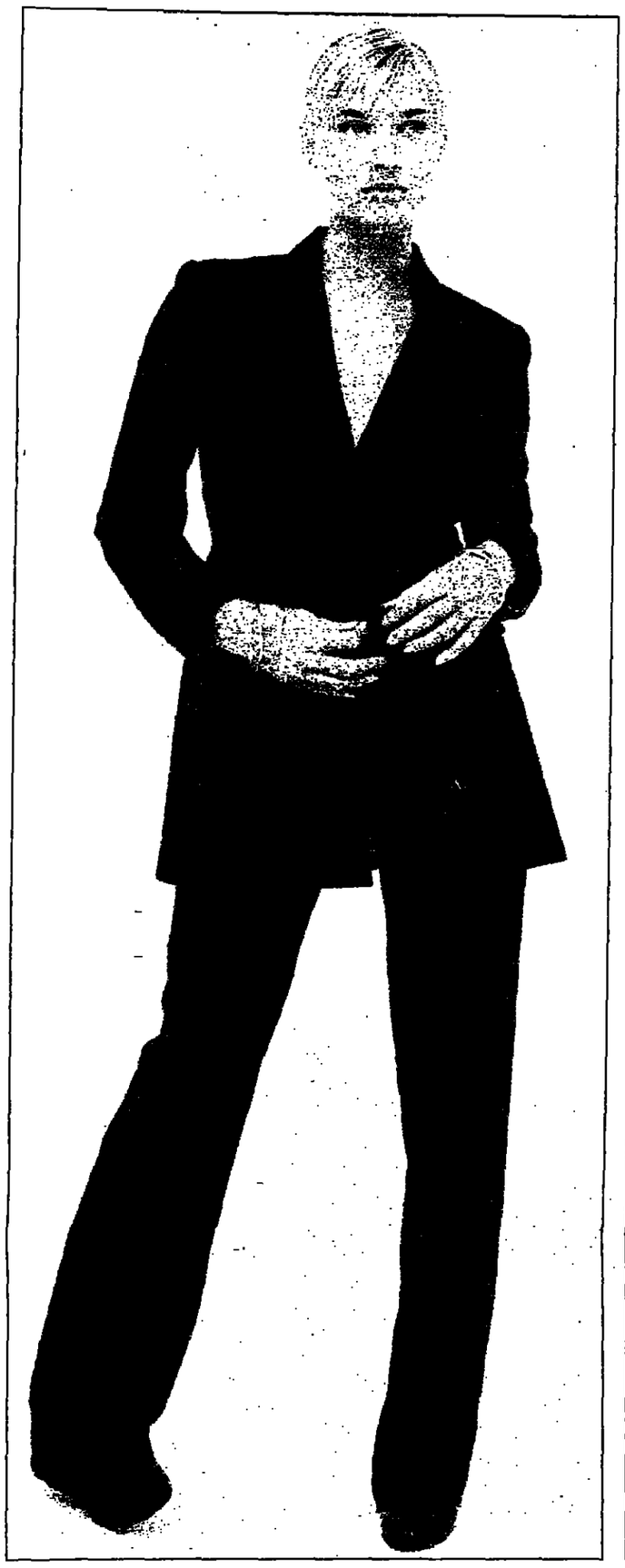
And yet this same censor gave a PG rating to the violent, suggestive, deeply unpleasant *Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves*, to its scenes of mutilation and to its attempted rape with Alan Rickman, as usual, camping it up for the amusement of his adult thespian friends.

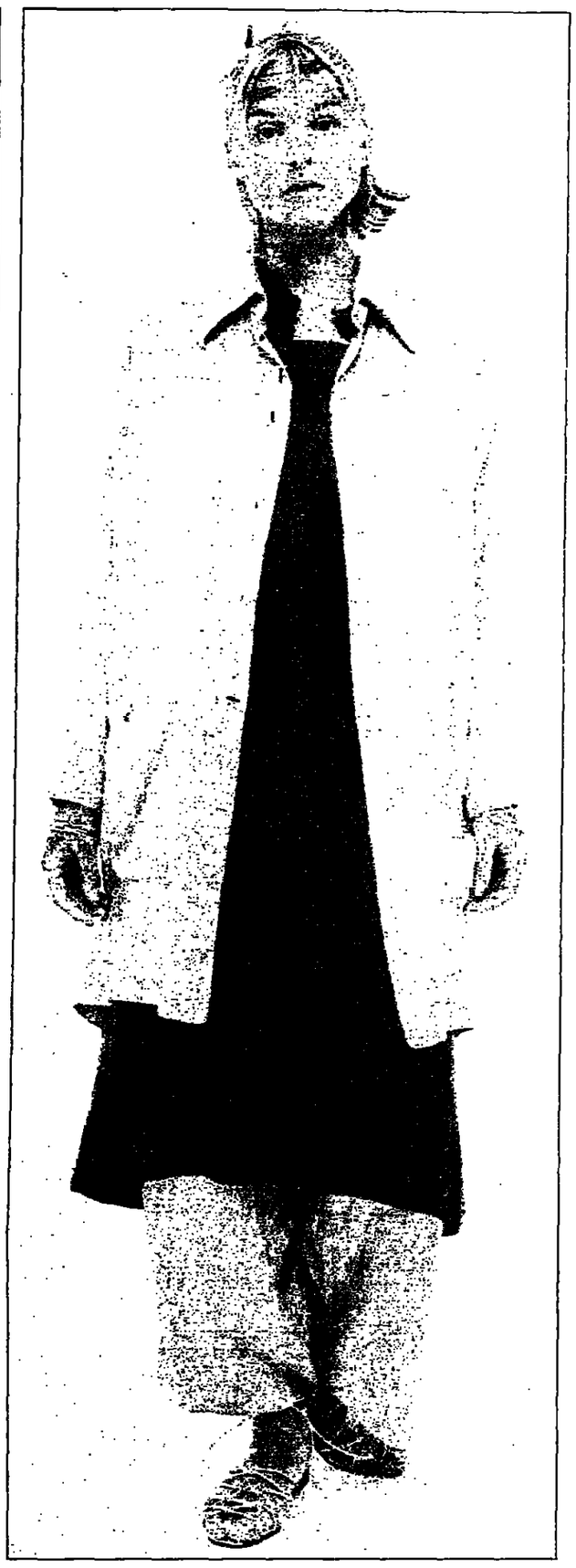
If I was worrying about my children picking up ideas, I would far rather they accidentally found out that some adults use vibrators than that other adults think bloody slaughter is amusing to watch. Equally, I do not give a damn whether or not my daughter gets a chance to model herself on a feminist fur-rag; but I would mind very much if I found her watching Jeremy Beadle with any expression other than queasy horror.

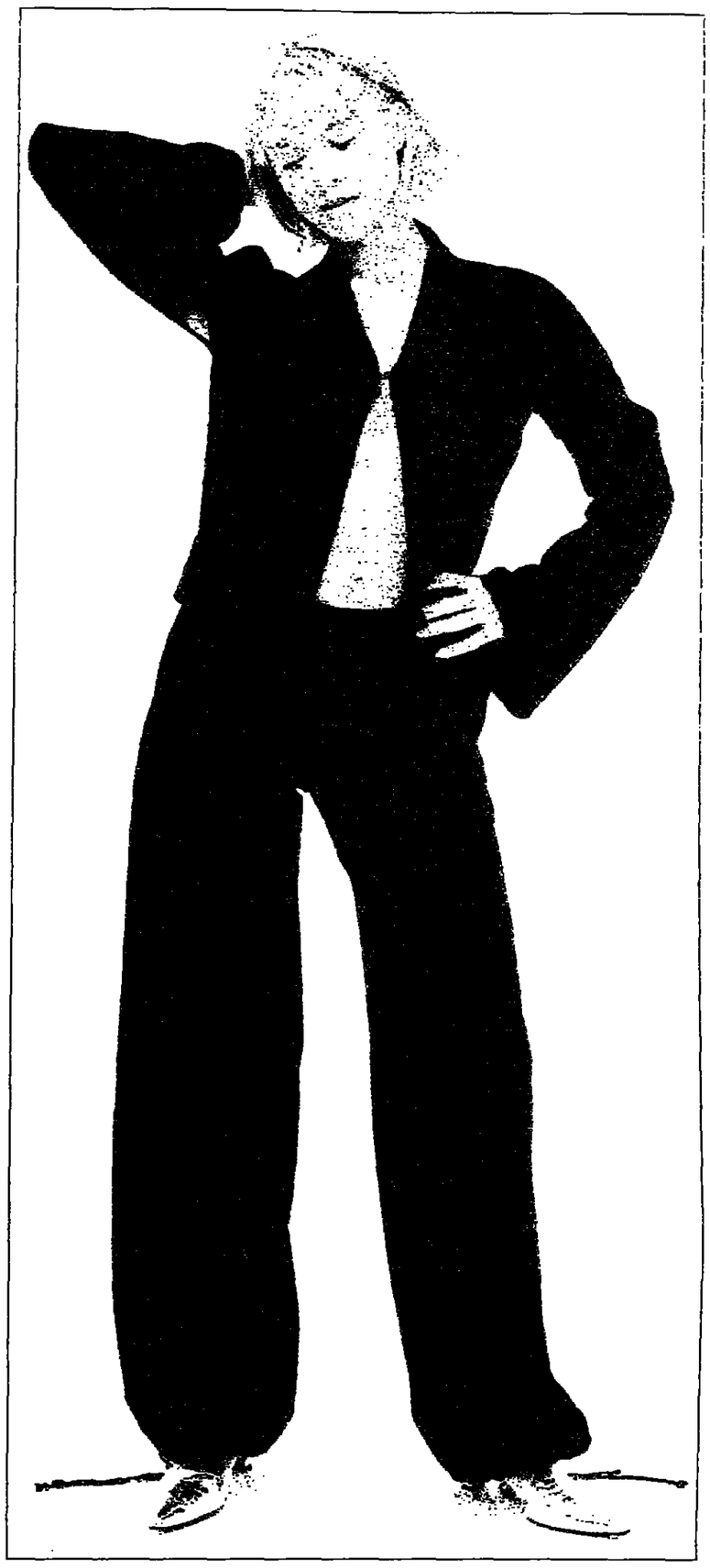
The moral of which is, fellow parents, that there are a lot of people out there who think they know what your children need. But some of them are fools, and some are bigots. So it's back to us, then: which is maybe as it should be.

An outstanding crop of young British designers are doing their most inventive work in tandem

Classic lines from double acts







LEFT: Copperwheat Blundell's navy linen jacket, £300; linen trousers, £195, from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1; Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1; Liberty, Regent St, W1. Shoes, £39.95, Gamba, 3 Garrick St, WC2.

CENTRE: Xavier Foley's lime green silk shirt, £165; matching drawstring trousers, £145; khaki tunic dress, £185, from Selfridges, Oxford St, W1. Tie lace sandals, £149, Emma Hope, 33 Amwell St, EC1 (071-833 2367).

RIGHT: Sonnentag Mulligan's black crêpe jacket, £262; crêpe trousers, £190, from Whistles, St Christopher's Place, W1; Pellicano, South Molton St, W1 (071-384 3110) Shoes, £159, Emma Hope, as before.

Photographer: RICHARD LOHR Make-Up: Stephanie Jenkins Hair: Kevin Ford



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

FASHION designers bask in a spotlight reserved solely for them, and them alone. It is their name on the label. It is their name which gets bandied about in fashion circles. Rightly or wrongly they are painted as egotistical, selfish and demanding.

But certain designers choose to share their glory. They are individuals who work best in tandem, duos who are more dynamic when providing each other with a vital spark.

In the 1960s the fashion designer Ossie Clark created dreamy dresses, inspired by the prints of the fabric designer Celia Birtwell. In the 1970s, Vivienne Westwood met Malcolm McClaren and began a notorious relationship that shaped fashion's history.

In the 1980s, the London explosion was full of talented twosomes. There was Stevie Stewart and David Holah of BodyMap, Richmond-Cornejo (John and Maria respectively), Barbara Horspool and Mark Betty of Blanche, Bernstock-Speirs (Paul and Thelma).

The 1990s are no different. A whole slew of young designers are once again choosing to work in collaboration. Following in the footsteps of Ellis Flyte and Richard Ostell (Flyte Ostell), these partnerships provide strange-sounding design labels: Copperwheat Blundell, Sonnentag Mulligan, and Xavier Foley — and all made their catwalk debuts last season to great acclaim. Between them they form the backbone of the future of British fashion. Whether or not they remain in their present pairings, these are the names to watch.



Copperwheat Blundell

Each appears to have a genuine understanding of what is needed to survive, while still edging fashion forward with their own design statements. Without wishing to categorise them creatively, they do all follow the same aesthetic. Each label offers modern classics. A clean, uncomplicated silhouette, lifted with infinite detailing, and inventive cutting.



Xavier Foley

Pamela Blundell is a tailor of true distinction. Having won the Smirnoff UK Fashion Awards in 1987, she went to work for the designer John Flett. It was with him that her bent for truly innovative taille was nurtured. After Flett's untimely death in 1991, she worked with the evening-wear designer Jacques Azagury, before Liberty approached her to design a capsule collection.

Blundell met Lee Copperwheat while both were lecturing at Saint Martin's School of Art and Design in London. Copperwheat was teaching menswear and pattern cutting, having worked at Aquascutum, where he became enamoured of the pursuit of quality and tradition. This he developed in his own men's apparel.

Their range covers both sexes. The look is long and lean, pared down to maximum effect. Colour is almost non-existent. Detail is important. Trousers feature wraps which lend a skirt-like effect. Cropped tops look neat, while see-through tunics add a softer touch. As with the womenswear, the men's range favours a distinct line: slim-fitting suits worn under lightweight overcoats.

If Copperwheat Blundell are razor sharp, Xavier Foley must be described as aqueous. David Foley and Stephen Milne (the name Xavier was chosen to give the label a European feel) like clothes to be easy and relaxed, and that is what they produce. Even their trouser suit is more like a pair of pyjamas, cut in slinky silk, subtly coloured.

Foley, the designer in the partnership, trained at Parsons in New York, where he worked upon graduation. This is obvious in his designs which emphasise comfort, but with the accent on luxe looks. Oversized shirts in faintly striped linen feature slashed backs and belted waists. Slouchy sweaters in rib knit are equally roomy. Colours are predominantly soft: cream, écru and buttermilk, with the odd touch of navy and black.

Business is handled by Milne, who was previously a City investment analyst. The pairing perfectly reflects the growing attitudes of the new wave of British designers — fashion which makes cents.

"We lead busy lives and look for clothes that are easy to wear," says Barbara Sonnentag. Eastern-looking kaftans in navy silk satin, heavy gypsy skirts, and elegantly clipped trouser suits are exactly that. Sonnentag and her partner, Tracy Mulligan (they met at Chelsea School of Art), design clothes which may look straightforward, but are full of delightful surprises. Arm-holes are cut away, a trouser leg ends with a drawstring where one might expect a turn-up, while the tiniest single button on a jacket fastens inwards so as not to distract from the spare silhouette.



Sonnentag Mulligan

There appear to be few distractions in the chosen path of this new school. They are confident and courageous (with their ideas), yet at the same time echo the new classicism pervading fashion in the 1990s. All three design duos were nominated for the "British Design — The New Generation" prize at the 1993 British Fashion Awards. It cannot be long before their names are added to the list of nominees for the plum title, Designer of the Year.

● *Copperwheat Blundell, Sonnentag Mulligan and Xavier Foley preview their autumn winter collections in London on Thursday.*

HOTLINE

LONDON's fashion week is an event usually reserved for press, buyers and wealthy clients. But this season Vidal Sassoon, sponsor of 1994's fashion week, has organised a series of catwalk shows for the public. Fashion fans will have the opportunity to view this season's offerings from top British designers as well as a preview of their autumn/winter 1994 collections. The shows are at midday, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm, in the grounds of the Natural History Museum, London SW7, on Sunday, February 27. Tickets, costing £7, are available through Ticketmaster on 071-344 4444.

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● *MILLINER Philip Treacy* has designed a range of summer hats for Debenhams. Priced between £45 and £75, and fashioned from a silk-weave straw, the hats are available in a selection of colours from selected stores nationwide.

● FASHION designers Dolce & Gabbana have introduced two new lines: Basics and The Home. Modern wardrobe classics make up the Basics range of simple, elegant pieces which are available throughout the year in seasonal fabrics. The Home collection of soft furnishings, textiles and ceramics are typical of Dolce & Gabbana's witty and eclectic spirit. The lines can only be bought in Milan: Basic at 10a via Sant'Andrea: The Home at 1 via della Spiga.

● THE converse sneaker has long been considered a fashion classic. For the past two seasons the shoe has graced catwalks worldwide and the pages of the biggest style magazines, a fitting shoe to complement this spring's sportswear-inspired fashions. In recognition the Council of Fashion Designers of America has presented Converse with a special sneaker award.

RACHEL COLLINS

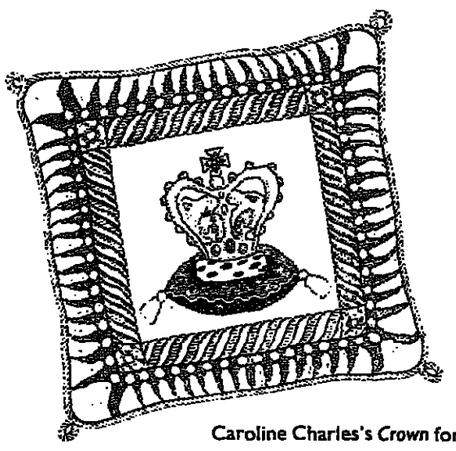
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Petty law of sexual prejudice

The age of gay consent must be 16, says **Simon Jenkins**

Vote sixteen and have done with it! Today's "free vote" in the House of Commons on lowering the age of homosexual consent was described by Piers Paul Read on this page on Saturday as "raising delicate and complex questions about the nature of our society and the purpose of the law". Rubbish. It raises one question, to which there is a simple answer.

Should the law interfere in the private behaviour of citizens where that behaviour does no harm to others? The answer is no. The answer should be no for those who dislike homosexuality as much as for those who practise it. It should be no for a Conservative who believes in individual freedom as much as for a socialist who believes men and women should be equal before the law. It should be no for all who champion the human spirit against the curse of prejudice.

I have no view on homosexuality because I have never experienced it. But I can see in friends who are homosexual an ability to form the relationship of human love as sincere and intense as in any heterosexual. Since love is the most intricate, intimate and rewarding of experiences, I respect it and wish to protect it from the law. If I find its public forms distasteful I must fight that distaste. This is the essence of tolerance, the mark of civilisation.

> 'Had the law not existed since 1967 it would never be invented now'

The concept of an age of consent is designed to protect the young. But 16-18 is not very young, and every shred of evidence is that in this case criminalisation does not protect, if anything it harms. It declares illegal an act which is mostly harmless and, if not, merits the same help notionally available to heterosexuals. That heterosexual acts are legal at 16 but homosexual ones are not was due chiefly to a belief that criminalisation would aid military discipline. This discrimination, to my knowledge, applies in no other sensible country. (Sex is "allowed" at 14 in Italy, 15 in France, Holland and Sweden, 16 in Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, 17 in Germany.) These countries are not awash in deviancy.

Yet Britain's discrimination has lately been decked out in pop psychology, anecdotal moralising and religious doctrine. Had discrimination not existed since 1967 it would never be invented now. Indeed the Tory Party's New Authoritarians would probably be demanding the reverse, that teenage heterosexual acts be outlawed to express "society's abhorrence" of unwanted pregnancy. The unmarried mother ranks high in the Tory demonology. Why not ban the act that brought her shame?

Sexual prejudice always brings a storm of nonsense in its wake: that men mature more slowly than women, that boys are more sexually vulnerable than girls between 16 and 21, that "the full force of the law" must express public outrage at certain sex acts whatever the consequence. Every serious medical lobby has said that this is nonsense and comes out for 16.

The criminalisation of "consensual crime" can outlaw but it cannot suppress. It is the persecution of a minority to appease the prejudice of a majority. The nervous, frightened legislators of the 1992 Parliament appear to feel that their job is to follow not lead public opinion. I believe that most MPs agree with the proposer of today's amendment, Edwina Currie, in favour of a common age of consent at 16. But they lack the courage of their convictions. If 21 is too high, they say, perhaps 16 is too low, so why not compromise on 18? They take comfort in the Archbishop of York's familiar Anglican equivocation: "A reduction of three years will provide an opportunity to assess the social consequences."

What would this mean? It would mean only that policemen would continue rounding up hapless 16 and 17-year-olds in public lavatories whenever they want to indulge in a bit of blackmail or boost the "sex crime clear-up rate". How many Tory MPs voting for 18 today expect that law to be enforced in their old school dormitories? This has always been a law aimed at the morals of the working classes, at the public lavatories, not the public schools. In a few years we should have another debate, another airing of prejudices, and perhaps another vote to lower the age. A few hundred men will have been persecuted and prosecuted. A few millions of pounds will have been squandered in an illiberal cause. Non-crime will have diverted the police from real crime.

And there is a principle here. Piers Paul Read asserted on Saturday that "most of us . . . feel intuitively that homosexual acts are wrong not so much in themselves as in their denial of the link between sexual love and procreation". I do not believe "most of us" feel this for one minute. Contraception has liberated men and women from such sexual mechanicalism. The extension of pleasure is as much an advance for human beings as the suppression of pain. Deploring the enjoyment of sex for its own sake is a tedious habit of the ageing classes, rightly ridiculed by the young. Only occasionally does such joylessness gain a statutory foothold. Britain's homosexuality law is a case in point.

Members of Parliament can rectify that today.

On a slow drive through Dallas, you appreciate the power of human charisma in history

Kennedy and the charm manifesto

William Rees-Mogg

Last Friday I was on my way back to Washington after giving a lecture in Dallas. The sponsors of the lecture had sent a large black stretch limousine to take me to Dallas Fort Worth Airport, and the car arrived with time to spare. I asked the driver to take me past the Texas School Book Depository and the site of President Kennedy's assassination on November 22, 1963.

The assassination remains the most dramatic event of modern American history. I half regret that I was not present at it. That November I was visiting Washington for *The Sunday Times* and was taken by our great Washington correspondent, Henry Brandon, to what must have been President Kennedy's last White House press conference. I remember how impressed I was by the personal courage conveyed by this slim young man who was taking responsibility for the survival of the world at one of the most dangerous periods in the Cold War. His speech patterns were emphatic but strangely jerky, not fluent enough for real eloquence. That press conference mainly dealt with Laos; there were decisions still to be made about Vietnam.

After the conference Henry Brandon introduced me to Pierre Salinger, who was then the White House press secretary. Mr Salinger suggested I stay on for an extra week and go down with Henry to cover the president's visit to Texas. Foolishly, I consulted my diary, saw a heavy list of engagements in London, and "took a rain check" on joining a future presidential tour. Henry Brandon covered the visit to Dallas for us; I helped *The Sunday Times* cover the assassination from our Gray's Inn Road office.

I have been in Dallas since then — my proudest moment as an antiquarian bookseller was the sale by Pickering and Chatto of a first folio of Shakespeare to the Dallas Public Library — but I had never seen the site. It is different from what one expects; and different from what it must then have been. All the early photographs and newsreels suggest that in 1963 the site was part of an urban wasteland. Although the famous amateur film is in colour, the assassination occurred in the period of black and white television; that may have made the scene look even more miserable.

It does not look like that now. It has become a national shrine, a conservation area. The colours are much brighter than one expects: the Texas School Book Depository, which is now the Dallas County Administration Building, is a firm red, the Grassy Knoll is bright green. The area looks well kept; it has had money spent on it. The depository itself is a much better example of American architecture than I had imagined; whoever designed it had visited Florence or at least studied an architectural book of Florentine buildings. The other unexpected aspect of the site is how small it is. I had always exaggerated in my mind's eye the distances involved. The section of Elm Street which runs from the depository down to the underpass is quite short; the Grassy Knoll is more the size of a big roundabout than a small park. In a few seconds Kennedy would have been safe.

The sightseeing passenger in a stretch limo is driven down Elm Street at about the pace of the presidential car; here is the point at which the first shot was fired; here is the point at which the president was hit by the fatal second shot. As the site is so much smaller than one expects, the timescale has to be shortened too. Whatever the arguments about the rate of firing, Lee Harvey Oswald must have been a rapid shot as well as a tragically accurate marksman.

To visit the scene, even now, is very moving. Although some of the Kennedy family seem to have reverted to the rootstock and produce more thorns than roses, President Kennedy did something which was unique, which had not been done before and has not been done since. He was the hero of the world's hopes. For this, he is remembered in the United States in a way and to a degree that cannot be matched by any other president.

Obviously Franklin Roosevelt, who had to confront both the slump and the Second World War, was a much more important historical figure. Setting aside Kennedy's charisma, there are several presidents in this century, including both Roosevelts, Wilson, Truman and Eisenhower, probably Nixon and Reagan, possibly even Lyndon Johnson, who made more historic impact than Kennedy. Setting aside the charisma, he was merely an interesting president of the middle rank. But of course one cannot set aside the charisma. That was the greatest thing about him.

For a very brief period he gave the world back the hope that had almost been beaten out of it by two world wars, the slump, the Holocaust and the hideous mass evil of communist power. His was a strangely composed appeal. It came partly from his youth and vitality. The last photograph taken before the bullet struck shows him grinning at the crowd as though he were enjoying their enthusiasm but was also amused by it. When he reached Elm Street, the motorcade was running nine minutes behind schedule because he had stopped three times to reach out and shake hands. Part of his appeal was sexual: he was one of the fortunate men whose appeal to women is appreciated rather than resented by most other men. Conduct which in President Clinton makes people readily censorious, in President Kennedy was easily overlooked. That is partly because Kennedy's women have never complained, but even now seem to be happy to remember his often brief attentions.

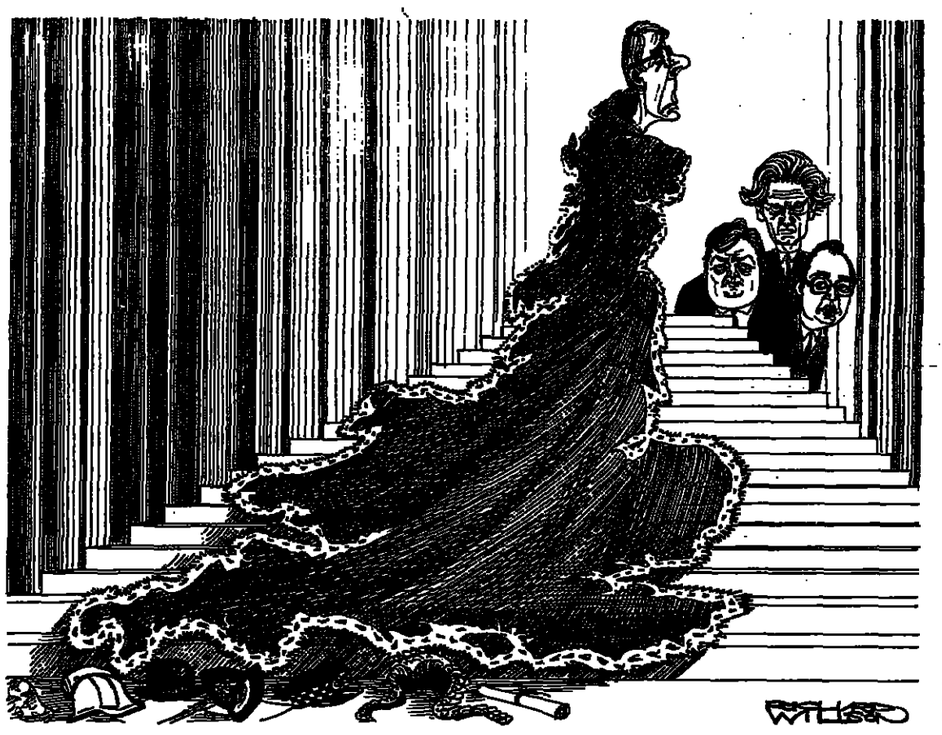
The charisma owes something in its style to the un-American influence of his years in England and the example of his English friendships. The Kennedy persona is fascinating because it reflects both the style of Honey Fitz, his maternal grandfather, and of his Cavendish in-laws with their connections dating back to Holland House. In terms of British history he is a Whig; indeed John F. Kennedy is the supreme charmer of American history, just as Charles James Fox was the supreme charmer of British history.

Human nature and human memory respond in a special way to early death: the myth of Julius Caesar owes much to the Ides of March: the myth of Abraham Lincoln owes much to Ford's Theatre: the myth of Horatio Nelson, whose monument remains the most prominent in London, owes much to his death in the Battle of Trafalgar. The Dallas bullet crystallised the Kennedy myth, which was already one of the most powerful in American political history.

When one drives down Elm Street from the depository to the underpass, with the Grassy Knoll on the right, one cannot avoid the feeling that November 22, 1963 was the high point not just for President Kennedy but for the United States. Nations have such moments, times when their energy is at the flood, their powers beyond their competitors, when nothing is impossible and the future seems to lie open with promise. It was so for Britain in 1759, so long remembered as "the year of victory" and again in 1815: British economic and military power seemed both irresistible and permanent after the Battle of Waterloo. The United States had no such victories in 1963, but this was the time before Vietnam, before the riots of the later 1960s, before the epidemic of drugs, before the competition of Japanese industry, before Americans had begun to doubt that theirs was indeed God's own country. This was also the time when many or most non-Americans saw the president of the United States as the personification of their ideals. I am not sure how great a man he was, but I am sure that the hope that was projected upon him was heroic.

Power goes to their heads

Ministers will rue their centralising tendencies, says **Peter Riddell**



The real sin of this Government is not sleaze or corruption, but hubris. Too many ministers think they will be in office for ever. Consequently, they have amassed unprecedented discretionary powers. For a long time, complaints came just from the constitutional reform lobby. But the doubts have spread wider.

The long years of Tory dominance have created the belief that a successful minister is a hyperactive minister. The way to make a mark during the Thatcher years was, in the horrible phrase of the time, to be a can-do minister or civil servant. Lord Young of Graffham epitomised that phase of conviction politics. But some ministers have carried this trait into the less-certain 1990s. They have been eager to be seen making a mark, almost revelling in confronting vested interests in their areas. That landed John Patten in trouble over school testing last year, before modifications were introduced. And now Michael Howard is under fire for his law-and-order measures.

Establishment worries were underlined in the Lords last Tuesday when the Government was forced to retreat over the reorganisation of police authorities. Mr Howard wants to shift the balance away from local councillors and magistrates by including people with other experience. "Far from being political stooges, the independent members will be people with a standing in the community but who may not want to go into politics and become councillors." This is a reasonable goal; many local councillors, like MPs, have become part of an exclusive political class, and are much less representative than in the past. But the proposed change risks a big increase in the powers of the Home Secretary. After earlier disquiet, led by Lord Whitelaw no less, about the dangers of a centralised police force, Mr Howard conceded that the chairmen of police authorities should not be appointed by him, and other members should be selected from shortlists drawn up by independent panels.

These concessions did not go far enough. If the clauses had not been withdrawn, the Government would have been heavily defeated, as it still may be next week. No one can accuse doubters like Lord Renton, John Major's predecessor as MP for Huntingdon, of being a wild radical. Apart from Lord Tebbit, most peers did not believe any Home Secretary should have such powers. The point was succinctly made by Lord Rippon: "We ought to look at legislation on the basis not that we give powers to a good minister, but that we may be putting powers into the hands of a bad minister in future years."

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A similar argument was put forward by Richard Shepherd, the Tory MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, during the second reading of the deregulation Bill. Often labelled a maverick, Mr Shepherd is a necessary irritant in the political process who asks awkward questions. He was worried about the so-called Henry VIII clauses, which permit primary legislation, approved after lengthy debate, to be changed or repealed by orders after just a single Commons vote. Michael Heseltine has proposed a new committee of MPs to assess whether a measure should be changed in this way. But that does not satisfy the critics.

Mr Shepherd said that, desirable though reducing regulations is, the Bill failed to take account of the balance between the Opposition and the Government. "One day we may be in opposition and all the powers that we take unto ourselves or confer on colleagues in the executive whom we trust will be available to any executive. Why should I give to those whom I do not necessarily trust powers to wipe away laws that have been crafted by the processes of Parliament?"

Ministers are guilty of failing to think constitutionally about how their powers could be used. Despite their jitteriness about the polls, most do not really believe they will lose the next election. Only half the Cabinet has sat on the opposition benches. The rest entered the Commons in May 1979 or later, including Mr Major, Mr Howard, Mr Patten and Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip.

The same virus has affected some civil servants. Ministers are ultimately accountable, but the Scott enquiry has shown the need for much clearer guidelines for officials. For all Sir Robin Butler's understandable desire to defend his colleagues, much of the evidence from civil servants has revealed an attitude of cynicism towards Parliament and the public. The withholding of documents, as attempted in the Matrix Churchill trial, is often done for reasons of "administrative convenience" rather than national security.

This argument has been broadened by the Opposition into a general attack on the probity of the Government. The recent Public Accounts Committee report on *The Proper Conduct of Public Business* identified multiple failures which have wasted millions of pounds. Some relate to loose controls in opted-out schools and other new agencies, as private-sector methods are applied in the public sector through contracting-out and delegation of financial responsibility. But many of the worst cases have been in long-established agencies, rather than in recent ones. Change inevitably produces teething problems. But it is wrong therefore to damn the whole managerial revolution in public services. The real trouble is the accretion of centralised powers and the attitudes associated with being too long in office.

More transparent checks and balances are needed. Some ministers have begun to talk about changing the way patronage is exercised over appointments to hospital trusts and the like. Unless some restraint is publicly demonstrated, the Government will be vulnerable to the charge that it is abusing power. The Attlee government was haunted by Hartley Shawcross's casual remark in the Commons in April 1946 that "We are the masters at the moment, and not only at the moment, but for a very long time to come". The same attitudes could haunt, and undermine, the Major Government.

Children's hour

NEITHER Shep, Petra nor Goldie can make it in person, of course, but they will be sharp in the minds of MPs who gather in Westminster this week to consider the merits of recycling waste material. The BBC's *Blue Peter* has been summoned to give evidence on Wednesday to the all-party select committee on the environment.

Notwithstanding the question of sticky-back plastic, the MPs will quiz the show's editor Lewis Bronze on an aluminium recycling scheme run by *Blue Peter*. "The real reason they were invited is that its appeal to collect aluminium five years ago has been put to us as an example of ill-thought-out recycling efforts which distorted the recycling market in the short-term," explains committee member Andrew Bennett.

Bronze is surprised by the allegation. "I certainly don't feel we made any mistakes," he says. "We were the catalyst for establishing national aluminium collection in this country and it has risen considerably since we did so in 1989. I've been told it will be a friendly session."

Valerie Singleton, the former *Blue Peter* presenter, admits that political intervention was unlikely in her day. "Heavens, nothing that like that ever happened," she says. "We didn't do much on the environment. It had not become an issue, although we did our bit making people aware of all the horrible things that were going on in the world."

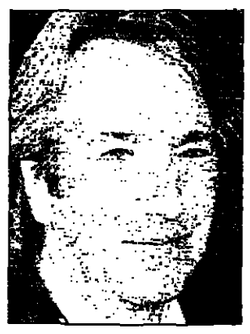
Grace and fervour

SOUTH AFRICAN politicians heading for multi-party democracy would do well to consider today's vote in Westminster on the age of homosexual consent. A veritable whirlwind of sexual liberation is about to hit their country in the form of photographer Della Grace, a notorious gay rights campaigner.

"I have been invited by Abigail, a multiracial gay group which has ANC members," says Grace, who has staged exhibitions of "Sapphic sado-masochistic encounters" and explicit lesbian photographs. "I will teach about race and sexuality. I want to concentrate on lesbians of colour, teaching them how to make their own image."

Grace was enthusing at the launch last week of *Female Fetishism, a New Look*, by Lorraine Gamman and Merja Makinen — a book that sets out to prove women have fetishes. "I go for push-up bras and boots," Grace explained. South Africa, be prepared.

● *Stage presence she may have but Juliet Stevenson's timing is open to question.*



DIARY

"One thing you need to know about her is that if you have arranged a meeting with her she will not leave her house until it is exactly the time of your appointment," explains fellow Shakespearian Alan Rickman (left) in next month's Vogue. *"That means that, give or take 20 minutes, she will arrive an hour late."*

Foul play

EFFICIENCY may be John Birt's watchword as director-general of the BBC, but it hasn't cut much ice with the veteran soccer writer Brian Glanville, whose play *A Visit To The Villa* has just been turned down. Glanville explains that it is not so much the refusal that has upset him, but the fact that he had to wait two-and-a-half years before the BBC made its decision. He sent in his play about an art historian in Tuscany in 1991.

"It's perfectly dreadful," he says. "I feel I won't ever want to do anything for them again." Alan Drury, literary manager of BBC Radio drama, is unrepentant. "What Brian says about the length of time it took is correct. But there are particular circumstances which I don't wish to discuss. It's purely an internal matter." Which clearly went into extra time.

● *Few were sadder to learn of the death of Derek Jarman yesterday than Quentin Crisp, although he admits he never quite got to grips with Jarman's films. "He summoned me once in America to see* The Garden," *says Crisp. "I watched it with him and I didn't understand it at all, although I never said so. It was all made in Dungeness where he lived, and a more dreary place I could not imagine."*

Wine into water

CRIES of "Eureka!" echoed in the wine department at Christie's recently when salesroom staff used an Archimedean experiment to resolve an unusual difficulty — establishing how much wine there was in a rare bottle of 1945 Château Pétrus.

Although the bottle, which is expected to fetch up to £10,000 when it goes under the hammer next month, was the same height as a double magnum, it was slightly broader. To establish its exact contents the bottle was sealed in a bag to protect the label, then immersed in a basin of water. The volume displaced was equivalent to 5.16 standard bottles — bigger than a double-magnum but smaller than a jeroboam.

"Unfortunately it is a completely unknown size of bottle," says wine department director Duncan McEuen. "We've given it the French name for a large glass container: the *dame-jeanne*." A demi-john to lesser mortals.





Hart and O'Sullivan, right, will be at the lunch

Women-only about the house

IN A CELEBRATION which may upset strict upholders of political correctness, the Good Housekeeping Institute is holding its 70th birthday lunch this Thursday — and inviting women only.

Among the learned lunchers will be Baroness Chalker, overseas development minister; Karen Almond, captain of the England women's rugby team; and novelist Josephine Hart. But Sally O'Sullivan, editor of *Good Housekeeping*, the magazine which gave rise to the institute, insists her housekeeping message is as correct as it was 70 years ago.

"The aim is not to fill the nation with perfect pastry makers and demon dusters," she says. "The magazine is enjoyed by many women who have never made flaky pastry and never will." Lady Rees-Mogg, looking forward to the lunch, agrees: "There's been too much knocking of women who want to stay at home and be mothers. On the other hand, if they want to go off and use their talents then that's fine too."

VOTING FOR CHANGE

The age of homosexual consent should be reduced to 18

Today the House of Commons will decide whether to lower the age of consent for homosexual men. Because the vote is free, MPs must consider the arguments in favour of 16, 17, 18 and the status quo as true parliamentarians, defenders of the common good. The exchange of opinion since Edwina Currie's amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to lower the age of consent to 16 was first tabled has been intense. It has confirmed that change is needed; it has also suggested that the case for 18 is stronger than the case for 16.

The 1967 Sexual Offences Act which set the age of consent at 21 is unquestionably out of date. Society's attitude to homosexuality has altered radically since the Wolfenden report of 1957 upon which the law was based. Though disapproval and prejudice remain common, the belief that gay sexuality is an intolerable deviation has receded. There are few prosecutions under the 1967 Act, although surveys suggest that more than 80 per cent of homosexuals have their first sexual experience before they are 21. The law as it stands is all but redundant. Mrs Currie's amendment would complete this process, establishing a legal equivalence between heterosexual and homosexual acts. It would end the normative status of heterosexuality in the eyes of the law.

The cultural impact of such a change is naturally hard to predict. What MPs must ask is whether the potential benefits of equalisation outweigh the potential disadvantages. Reducing the age of consent to 16 would end the hurt caused to homosexual men by the current legal differentiation. It might also make it easier for young gay men to seek medical advice and counselling without fear of incriminating themselves.

But the law must protect as well as liberate. Against the claim that most young men have decided their sexual orientation by the age of 16 must be set the psychological evidence that boys mature more slowly than girls and may be more suggestible. Most older homosexual men are not predatory; but some are. Most young teenagers are not vulnerable to such attentions; but some are. Protecting this minority from acts which they may later regret and a sexual path which may leave them isolated and unhappy should remain a priority. It is a mark of a civilised society that it values the interests of young people more than abstract liberties.

This debate has raised fundamental questions about the relationship between law and morality. To some extent, the champions of 16 have argued against themselves. Changes in social attitudes have indeed made reform desirable; but social attitudes continue to set the boundaries within which reform must be carried out. Those who are serious about improving the lot of homosexual men must pay careful attention to the realities of their own culture. This is why arguments about the age of consent in other countries are beside the point. What seems unremarkable in Holland might provoke a backlash here. It is the likely response of Britons to a prospective change in the law that MPs must judge when they choose between 16, 18 and 21.

The instinct that homosexuality is not as valid as heterosexuality remains strong in this country. Reducing the age of consent to 18 would not offend this popular intuition. Nor would such a compromise be the last word, as some campaigners have claimed. There is nothing preventing Parliament returning to the question when it sees fit.

Law can have an educational effect, ushering a community towards greater tolerance. What it cannot do is impose abstract moral propositions suddenly upon the general mass of people. Legislation is a more complex business than philosophical debate; liberties are better grounded in consensus than in diktat. To vote for 18 is to choose a middle course. But, as Edmund Burke warned the sheriffs of Bristol, moderation is not always "a sort of treason".

GREEK FOLLY

Greece must end its blockade of Macedonia

Greece, which holds the presidency of the European Union (EU), has imposed a total blockade of Macedonia. It has denied its land-locked neighbour access to the port of Salonika, and has blocked supplies of oil and other essential commodities. Its action is in violation of the Treaty of Rome, the Maastricht treaty, the United Nations Charter, resolutions of the UN General Assembly, the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, and the basic norms of morality which govern civilised international relations.

Virtually every member of the EU has condemned Greece, as has America. And the Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, said, with characteristic understatement, that he did not regard Greece's strangulation of Macedonia as "a constructive move". The Foreign Ministers of the Twelve meet today in Brussels: Mr Hurd must be blunter, and more forceful, with the Greeks. He must tell them that their blockade of Macedonia must cease forthwith, as conduct unbecoming to a member of the EU. He must remind them, too that the presidency of the EU calls for restraint and tact. If Greece fails to see sense, its policies should be challenged before the European Court of Justice, and investigated by the Security Council of the UN.

At the Edinburgh Summit of the European Council, in December 1992, a commitment was made to ensure that Macedonia received a "regular and properly monitored supply of oil". The Greek blockade is in obvious violation of this commitment. Greece has, both procedurally — in failing to consult other members — and substantively — in taking these measures in the absence of serious internal disturbances within its own borders — violated Article 224 of the Treaty of Rome. It has also violated Article J. 1. 4 of the Maastricht treaty, which imposes on member states a duty to "refrain from any action which is contrary to the interests of the Union or likely to impair its effectiveness as a cohesive force in international relations".

Under international law, too, the illegality of Greece's actions is apparent. It has acted contrary to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. Except as an exercise of the right of self-defence — which Greece cannot here invoke — economic coercion by one state against another is unlawful where the purpose is to deny the coerced state the exercise of its sovereign rights. And a prior breach of law is essential for the economic coercion, itself, to be lawful: Macedonia has not acted unlawfully in any way. The 1965 Declaration on the Inadmissability of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States, and the 1970 Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations Among States — both General Assembly resolutions — affirm this principle. The International Court of Justice, in the *Nicaragua Case*, has upheld its status under customary international law.

Finally, Greece is a signatory to the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, which states that land-locked states "shall have the right of access to and from the sea", and "shall enjoy freedom of transit" through the territory of transit states. The convention would allow Greece to take measures only to prevent the infringement of its "legitimate interests". That is the heart of the matter. No "legitimate interest" of Greece is at issue. Its obsession with Macedonia's name, its flag and its symbols cannot be regarded as "legitimate" by any measure, whether legal, moral or political.

SLIPPING ON THIN ICE

Forget the artistic impression, bring on the morality play

The Winter Olympics have done more than put Lillehammer into the geography test. By making live soap opera out of a marginal sport and discovering archetypal stories in real life, they have grabbed the attention of the world, and driven more important events off the front pages.

As with the best stories, these seem to personify greed and courage, beauty and the beast, and other such simple dualities. When Torvill and Dean won their gold medal a decade ago, sliding sensually to Ravel's *Bolero*, they fed a national longing for winners that is seldom gratified. Ten years on they are dancing to the equally popular theme of ageing stars trying to make a comeback and perhaps failing.

Less romantically, they also raise questions about the fudged definition of professionalism at the Olympics and the complex algebra of marking in sports that depend on points awarded by judges (who, by remarkable coincidence, always seem more impressed by their own nationals than by foreigners). But who would have thought ten years ago that kitsch on ice would have become a blood sport, in which skaters are accompanied — in the manner of prize fighters — by teams of bodyguards, lawyers, financial advisers and trainers?

Money and melodrama have created the mass interest in the rival American figure skaters, Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding. These are cast in the ancient opposed roles of ice maiden and black queen. Both have risen from working-class backgrounds to stardom on ice, but Kerrigan is the feminine one representing the girl next door, and Harding is the tough, streetwise one from a long way across the wrong side of the rink. She denies being in the plot, but has confessed tearfully that she did not immediately go to the police when she discovered that her ex-husband and members of her entourage had tried to break her rival's knee with a crowbar.

The Disney denouement would be for Torvill and Dean to come back from the dead when they face the music with their free programme tonight, and for good sportsmanship, family values and modest girls who stick to their roles to triumph when the Kerrigan-Harding story reaches its climax on Friday. Both Snow White and the "wicked witch" stand to become millionaires from the attentions of movie moguls and publishers, who can recognise box office if not technical merit.

Life does not always conform to soap opera. If none of the stars wins a medal, the public may lose interest. But the Olympics are working their white magic for those who could not manage a triple lutz after a thousand sittings, because they are playing the old simplicities of good and evil. And in spite of the kitsch, greed and violence, the grace under pressure of all the skaters, even those without star parts, still enchants.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Vote on homosexual age of consent

From Mr Michael Alison, MP for Selby (Conservative) and others

Sir, As members of the all-party Houses of Parliament Christian Fellowship (though not all our membership will necessarily support us) we urge that the age of consent for homosexual acts should not be lowered from 21 to 16, as will be proposed in Parliament on February 21 (letters, February 15).

Essentially our plea is that, if there is doubt about whether lowering the age will be harmful or not — and doubt there unquestionably is — then the benefit of that doubt should be given to the vulnerable youngsters over the age of 16 who should properly be the focus of the debate.

No detriment to which they are at present subject can remotely outweigh the loss they could suffer if lowering the age to 16 years proved in practice to be misconceived and damaging. At worst, life itself could be forfeit, through fatal illness. Short of that catastrophe, the loss of the prospects for normal family life and parenthood could blight a lifetime.

Most authorities seem to agree that boys pass through a phase of homoeroticism in adolescence as a part of their natural development, with some occasional experimental homosexual activity beginning at around 15 or 16 years.

We do not believe that, at that age, youngsters have much awareness of the law, or of the implications of their own emerging sexuality; but awareness and perception in both these areas is likely to begin to develop over the succeeding two or three years.

It is in this context that we believe that the existence of a restraining legal framework for these few formative years is beneficial, not oppressive. Prosecutions of youngsters for homosexual offences between 16 and 21 are rare, and it is not convincing to argue that the law inhibits young men from seeking advice about their sexual health from parents, teachers, nurses, doctors or social workers.

The British Medical Association, in its recent advice to parliamentarians about the age of consent, produced a chilling passage:

"Official" homosexual community organisations and clubs operate a clear over-21 policy to comply with the present law. This means that younger men are denied access to advice which such organisations can provide and are less exposed to the social climate within the organised homosexual community, which strongly supports "safer sex".

If the age of consent is reduced to 16, homosexual community organisations and clubs such as the BMA refers to will clearly seek membership in that lower age group. It is at least arguable that such recruitment would be more hazardous for a 16 or 17-year-old boy than any health education which might ensue.

It was Lord Wolfenden who wrote that "a boy is incapable, at the age of 16, of forming a mature judgment about actions of a kind which might have the effect of setting him apart from the rest of society". He recommended the age of 21 which was then the age of majority.

We reiterate our plea that a differential in the age of consent for boys in respect of homosexual acts should be retained. In our judgment the precise age is less important than the principle of retaining a differential.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL ALISON,
DONALD ANDERSON,
BRENTFORD,
MARTIN SMYTH,
†PHILIP WORCESTER,
Palace of Westminster.
February 18.

From Mr Simon C. Barnes

Sir, Whilst Britain was ahead of many countries in partially decriminalising homosexuality in 1967, most of the rest of Europe now has a lower age of consent for homosexuals.

Opponents of an equal age of consent should show us where in those countries can we see the dire consequences of change predicted for this country.

Some opponents of change do not wish to "encourage" homosexuality. Yet many gay men are having sex before the age of 21, despite the current age of consent. If the present law does deter sexual behaviour, why should a pragmatic change in the law encourage it?

In a pluralistic society, laws should not discriminate against different groups of people. Ending a form of legislative discrimination would show that Britain is the tolerant country that it is often claimed to be; such tolerance is necessary if we are to create a society "at ease with itself".

Yours faithfully,
SIMON C. BARNES,
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Victoria Road,
Brighton, East Sussex.
February 18.

Hanging debate

From Mr Dan Elwyn Jones

Sir, In Monday's debate on the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, the Commons will be considering amendments to reintroduce the death penalty for two categories of murder: one for murder of any kind by an adult, the other for murder by an adult of a police officer in the execution of his duty.

Amnesty International urges those voting to consider the following points: that the execution of a prisoner by the State is the ultimate cruel and inhuman punishment and a violation of the right to life, that there is a fundamental contradiction in the logic of killing someone to prove that killing is wrong, and that the death penalty is irrevocable.

Mistakes and miscarriages of justice can occur, even under the most sophisticated legal and forensic system. Innocent people can be executed: the names of Timothy Evans and Derek Bentley spring to mind. Those who would probably have been executed in recent years, since hanging was abolished, include the Guildford Four, Judith Ward, the Birmingham Six, Stefan Kizsco, those tried for the murder of PC Blakelock and for the Confait killing, and many others.

No conclusive evidence has ever been produced that the death penalty acts as a deterrent to murder. Amnesty International urges its removal in all circumstances, including the two last-remaining peacetime crimes punishable by execution: piracy and treason.

Yours sincerely,
DAN ELWYN JONES
(Head of Campaigns),
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British Section,
99-119 Rosebery Avenue, EC1.
February 18.

Rationalisation?

From Colonel John Mayo (retd)

Sir, So our troops in Bosnia may lose their British rations (report, February 15); yet another example of ineptitude and lack of practical support for them by the Ministry of Defence.

Soldiers serving in Bosnia who are based in Germany have had their allowances cut, now their rations are at risk. About ten years ago, the Ministry of Defence proudly publicised that British Army field rations had been judged the best in Nato. Tom King removed the Army Catering Corps, now Malcolm Rifkind changes the rations. What next — cardboard tanks?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MAYO,
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24 Tekels Avenue,
Camberley, Surrey.
February 15.

Labour business plan

From Mr Bill Price

Sir, As a shareholder in Dixons Group plc, I was fascinated to read chairman Stanley Kalms's plea (letter, February 11) to be left alone by John Smith, Leader of the Opposition — "leave me to get on with my task", he begged.

Does "getting on with my task" mean losing a couple of hundred millions of pounds on an ill-fated American venture, reporting a poor Christmas trading period and presiding over a fall in the share price by almost a quarter in just a few weeks?

If so there is, perhaps, an opening at Dixons for John Smith.

Yours etc,
BILL PRICE,
3 & 4 The Marina,
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Lydney, Gloucestershire.
February 14.

Powderham bookcase

From Mr Robin Butler

Sir, I was astonished by your sensationalist report (February 14) about the plinth on the Powderham bookcase at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

The dolphin-mounted plinth is *not* a "fake". As later stated in your report, it is an addition made in the 19th century, so that the bookcase and its twin would fit in a particular place in Powderham Castle when moved. Fakery implies deception; all that has happened, in this case, is that no 20th-century furniture historian has spotted the addition until now.

The "discovery" was made last October, when the bookcase was displayed in another exhibition at Temple Newsam House in Yorkshire. It is unlikely to have any effect whatever on the market, but the exhibition most probably will — and not the one which you suggest. The dolphin foot that you illustrated was wooden, not brass, and was not from the bookcase but from the other (better) half of the library table, sold for £1.1 million.

The question of attribution of brass-inlaid English furniture of the mid-18th century has long exercised the minds of furniture historians, and continues to do so. The recent exhibitions have opened up many fresh lines of enquiry.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN BUTLER
(Dealer in antique English furniture),
20 Clifton Road,
Bristol, Avon.
February 14.

Historic hangar

From Sir George White

Sir, The RAF Museum's attempt to save the Claude Grahame-White hangar at Hendon in north London (report and photograph, February 10) is admirable. It will perhaps compensate to some degree for the forthcoming demolition of what may be the oldest surviving aeroplane hangars in Great Britain.

Converted from old Bristol Tramway and Carriage Company tram sheds at Filton near Bristol in February 1910, the British and Colonial Aeroplane hangars pre-dated Grahame-White's by a year. Their purpose was so revolutionary that after a visit in February 1911 a correspondent from *The Aero* felt it necessary "to impress on our readers the fact that British Aeroplanes are now made in a real factory". He continued:

The B. & C.A.C. works proper would make most of our constructors green with envy, so beautifully are they planned and built, being, with I think only one exception, the only shops actually designed for aircraft work. They have fine roof lights, dead level concrete floors, and all those conditions which go to turn out the best quality work.

The Aero report claimed that the hangars at Filton constituted the biggest aircraft works in England. The British & Colonial publicity went further and claimed them to be the biggest aircraft factory in the world, adding "here stacked from ground to roof is material for a potential fleet of three to four hundred aeroplanes". The buildings continued in aircraft production almost until the present day.

Now that they are condemned for redevelopment, let us hope that, at the very least, a special place to record them will be found in the annals of aeronautical history.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WHITE,
Pypers, Rudgeway,
Nr Bristol, Avon.
February 10.

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Quality of health care questioned

From Miss Elizabeth Manners

Sir, According to Virginia Bottomley ("Why I am closing hospitals", February 17) "there has been little dissent among clinicians from the view that patients' interests will be best served by concentrating services onto one site. The difficult decision was which one".

It was not difficult at all. She carefully considered all the evidence regarding available space and new facilities on each site, the relative costs of transferring services to either site, and the expressed preferences of all the bodies consulted; studied the conclusion they had reached, and then decided the exact opposite.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH MANNERS,
49b Aldebert Terrace, SW8.
February 17.

From Sir Reginald Murley

Sir, "The need to preserve the best is one reason why I have insisted that University College Hospital ... has a secure future", says Mrs Virginia Bottomley in her article today.

Yesterday evening a plastic surgeon on the staff of UCH who (because the main building there is now closed) has to perform his operations at the Middlesex Hospital, told me that he had six patients due for operations today. However, no beds were available and his whole planned operation list had therefore to be cancelled.

I submit that Mrs Bottomley is talking rubbish and that medical care is far too important to be left predominantly in the hands of politicians and bureaucrats.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD MURLEY
(President, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 1977-80),
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Wellington Hospital,
Wellington Place, NW8.
February 17.

From Mrs J. M. Braithwaite

Sir, I agree with Mrs Bottomley (report, February 18) that swimming is more beneficial to health than pills are for high blood pressure. But if everyone currently taking pills for hypertension, and other conditions improved by swimming, took to the water there would be insufficient pool facilities in many areas.

In the town where I live there have been repeated attempts, for at least 15 years, to get a covered swimming pool. I can imagine the response our doctors would get if they told their patients to go swimming.

Can we now hope that Mrs Bottomley will put her money where her snorkel is and ensure that funds are given for the building and upgrading of many more pools? Or does she envisage sea bathing, in which case I hope she will ensure that all our beaches are brought up to a clean and safe standard.

Yours faithfully,
JENNY BRAITHWAITE
(Associate, Institute of Swimming Teachers),
Livingstone House, Coxwell Road,
Faringdon, Oxfordshire.
February 18.

From Mr Roger Ely

Sir, I currently pay £4.25 for a 12-week supply of my daily tablets for high blood pressure. From April I shall pay £4.75. My pharmacist tells me the actual cost of the 84 tablets is £14.30.

Swimming at my nearest leisure centre, ten miles away, can cost £3.20 for entry. I imagine that to receive any real benefit for hypertension one would need three sessions a week, so the cost for 12 weeks could be £115.20. If the cost of my fares (£3.50 return) were met by the State — I am unemployed — the total cost would be £241.20.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER ELY,
32 Butcher Close,
Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent.
February 18.

From Mr A. H. Amery

Sir, If Bart's and Guy's provide such "excellence in medical education and exceptional quality of care" as William Rees-Mogg suggests (article, February 14), they will prosper in the Government market place and the provincial hospitals will close.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. AMERY
(Consultant surgeon),
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Portsmouth Road,
Frimley, Camberley, Surrey.
February 16.

From Mr Philip Russell

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's devastating criticism of the decision to close Bart's and Guy's because London has too many beds, patients and consultants has to be applauded. An examination of the geographical spread of motorways clearly shows that London has more than its fair share. By the same logic, the M25 should be closed.

Yours sincerely,
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Temple Fortune, NW11.

A Finnish example

From the Editor of the New European

Sir, Mr Michael Portillo complains that the European Union has not opened up its markets to Eastern Europe and has therefore hampered the growth of democracy there (report, February 16). I do not think that such a view should necessarily be bracketed with so-called far-right policies. Most people would think such a policy was fair and liberal.

I was at the Council of Europe on January 25 and heard the Finnish Prime Minister say that Finland signed free-trading agreements with the Baltic states as soon as they declared their independence because she knew that they needed a sound economic foundation on which to build their new democratic systems.

It was not in the interest of many vested interests in Finland to let in their goods, but his country considered that it was in the long-term interests of us all and he notified the Community that Finland could not join the European Union unless these free-trading agreements were allowed to stand.

What a splendid model Finland provides for all the rest of us.

Yours faithfully,
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February 16.

Breaking a sword

From Mr B. M. Johnson

Sir, Bernard Levin ("Injustice marches on", February 18) wonders how the sword of Dreyfus was broken.

Military etiquette required that the disgraced officer's sword need only be broken into two pieces; the dishonoured sword was cleanly and ceremonially broken across the knee by the simple precaution of having the regimental armourer file the blade practically all the way through prior to the parade. Even so, the breaker had to be careful to ensure that the sword was brought across his avenging knee with the blade perfectly flat.

Badges, epaulettes and other insignia had most of the stitching unpicked to facilitate their removal; military precision would have been compromised if entire collars and sleeves had to be ripped away.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN JOHNSON,
10 California Lane,
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.
February 18.

Order of the boot

From Mr Gareth F. Boote

Sir, I lament the demise of the police passing-out parade (report, February 15). As a graduate who joined the service in response to an advertisement for mature, intelligent, versatile people, I was surprised that one of the first evolutions required of me was to do a silly walk whilst going round in circles.

Long before my retirement I realised that this was an invaluable aid to understanding a hopelessly misdirected organisation which habitually confused motion with progress.

Yours faithfully,
GARETH BOOTE,
13 Batheaston Grove,
Leigh, Lancashire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 19: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Duke of York.

February 19: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended a Luncheon and the Rugby Football Union Match between England and Ireland at Twickenham, Middlesex. Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 20: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, this afternoon took part in the Pro/Am Real Tennis Tournament at the Oratory School, Reading, Berkshire.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Birthdays today

The King of Norway celebrates his birthday today.

Mr Humphry Berkeley, writer, 68; Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, 60; Professor Ruth Bowden, anatomist, 79; the Earl of Cartisle, 71; Mr Simon Coombs, MP, 47; Mrs Jilly Cooper, author, 57; Mr Michael Deakin, documentary and film maker, 55; Sir Colville Deverell, former governor, Mauritius, 87; Mr Leslie Durbin, silversmith, 81; Dame Janet Fookes, MP, 58; Mr Carron Greig, former chairman, Baltic Exchange, 69; Sir Michael Grylls, MP, 60; Sir Conrad Heron, civil servant, 78; Sir Reginald Hibbert, diplomat, 72; Sir John McGregor Hill, former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 73; Lord Hunter, 81; Mr Magnus Linklater, editor, *The Scotsman*, 52; Mr Peter McEnery, actor, 54; Mr Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe, 70; Professor Sir Rupert Myers, former vice-chancellor, University of New South Wales, 73; General Sir Robert Pascoe, 62; Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, 73; Professor J.H.D. Prescott, principal, Wye College, Kent, 57; Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, former Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, 67; Professor F.W. Rimmer, former professor of music, 80; Professor Roy Storer, former Dean of Dentistry, Newcastle upon Tyne University, 66; Mr Richard Turner-Warwick, urologist, 69; Mr L. Wagner, principal and chief executive, Leeds Metropolitan University, 51; Mr David Wood, actor and playwright, 50.

Poulters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Poulters' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr R P Juniper; Upper Warden, Mr J G Butcher; Renter Warden, Mr M B Savory.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Victim Support Schemes, will attend the launch of Victims Week at 36 Dean Street, Bedminster, Bristol, at 11.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, will visit the guards at Victoria Barracks, Windsor, and the Windsor Castle Guardroom at 3.00; and will present the Duff Cooper prize at the Mayfair Hotel at 7.05.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of UNICEF UK, will launch the British Airways and UNICEF UK Currency Collection project at Terminal Four, Heathrow, at 10.40.

Thanksgiving services

Baroness Elliot of Harwood
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Baroness Elliot of Harwood will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, April 14. Those wishing to attend are *invited to apply for tickets to*: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 14, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on March 31. All are welcome to apply for tickets.

Mr Cliff Temple
A memorial service for Mr Cliff Temple will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, London EC4, at noon today.

Gray's Inn

Mrs Justice Hale has been elected a Master of the Bench.


PETER TREVNOR

British Waterways staff at work on the restoration of a lock on the Kennet and Avon canal near Reading which was built out of turf in 1720

Turf-sided canal lock will hold water again

A TURF-SIDED canal lock, believed to be the last survivor of its kind in Britain, has been rescued by a conservation effort which has shed new light on the nation's industrialised past (Nick Nuttall writes).

Garston Lock, now listed grade 2, was built in 1720 at the eastern end of the Kennet and Avon canal near Reading, Berkshire. Its design, which dates back at least to the 16th century and first appeared on the river Lee and the Exeter canal, offered a cheap and simple way of controlling water. Instead of building expensive timber-sided walls, engineers simply laid turf up the sides of each bank.

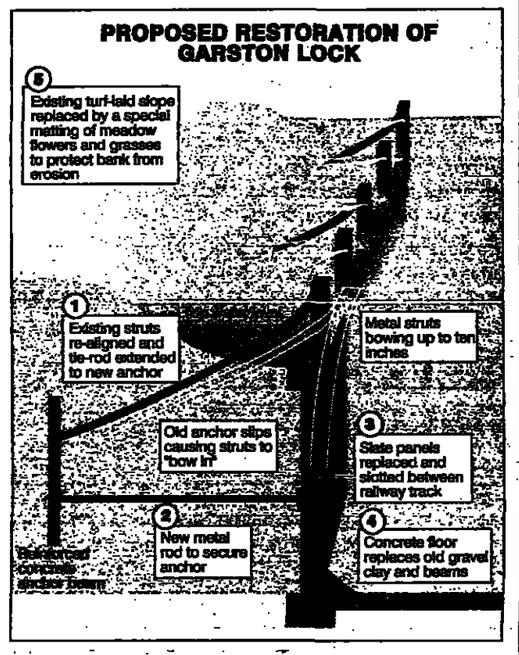
Dr Nigel Crowe, heritage manager at British Waterways which is carrying out the work, said yesterday: "There may have been up to a hundred of these locks at one time."

Over the centuries these old locks have gradually been replaced by larger ones built of masonry and latterly concrete and steel. After years of neglect and piece-meal repair the turf-sided lock at Garston looked set to disappear too. Victorian anchors, buried in the banks to hold up the walls, had been sliding under the strain. As a result the top of the lock bowed inwards by as much as 20 inches. Metal rails, also added by Victorian engineers to strengthen the top of the lock, had survived. But many big panels of Welsh slate, added to hold up the lower walls, were cracked beyond repair.

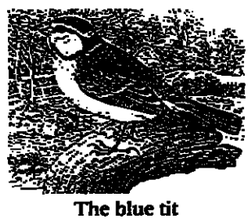
Because the lock could collapse at any time plans were made to fill it in and build a new one nearby. But Tim Sidaway, engineering manager at British Waterways, said that once the uniqueness of Garston Lock was understood the plan to fill it in was rejected.

Now, more than 12 months after work began, the conservation effort is nearing completion. New, half-ton, green Welsh slate panels are stacked by the lockside ready to be installed. Concrete beams are being set in the banks as replacement anchors. New lock gates, to replace the present decaying ones, will be delivered soon.

British Waterways scientists are growing special grasses and water meadow flowers, able to survive regular flooding and silting, on a synthetic carpet. It will be rolled out on the banks to stop the soil washing away. Mr Sidaway said the lock should open for narrow boats on March 25.



Nature notes


The blue tit

BLUE tits are investigating the shafts of street-lamps as possible nesting sites: when they come out at the top they perch on the ladder bar, and swivel from side to side to look about them. Magpies are quarrelling over their territorial boundaries in the treetops: other magpies often join in, until as many as 20 are wagging their long tails among the branches. More blackbirds are singing on roofs and walls, especially in towns, but there are still large numbers of winter visitors from Central Europe dotted over the grass in muddy parks. Peregrine falcons are still hunting over estuaries and marshes in eastern England, but they will be heading back next month to the crags and quarries of Scotland and the west.

Daisies are blossoming on many lawns: their flowerheads close at night and in wet weather. Groundsel is in flower in waste places: although it belongs to the daisy family, it has narrow, valve-like flowers with no outer ring of florets. Along the edge of streams and lakes, alder trees are very conspicuous, with their long crimson and green catkins hanging on the twigs among last year's seed-cones and this year's leaf-buds.

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University news

Essex
Shirley Williams, now Baroness Williams of Crosby, former Labour Minister and co-founder of the Social Democratic Party, is to be awarded an Honorary Degree by the university in July. Lady Williams is now Public Service Professor of Electoral Politics at Harvard University.

Honorary degrees will also be awarded to:

Professor George Barnard, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics who was at the university from 1966 to 1975; Sir Samuel Brittan, principal economic commentator and Assistant Editor of *The Financial Times*; Dame Margaret Anstee, former Under Secretary-General for the United Nations, who lives at Chelmsford; Sheila Colvin, General Secretary of the Aldeburgh Foundation; Tony Parker, writer and social researcher, of Suffolk; The Hon Anthony Roy Gubbay, Chief Justice of Zimbabwe; Peter Preston, Editor of *The Guardian*.

Church news is on the facing page

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Karl Czerny, pianist and composer, Vienna, 1791; Antonio Lopez de Santa-Anna, President of Mexico 1833-36 and 1841-45, Jalapa, Mexico, 1797; John Henry Newman, cardinal, London, 1801; Léo Delibes, composer, St Germain du Val, 1836; George Lansbury, Leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, near Lowestoft, Suffolk, 1859; August von Wasserman, bacteriologist, Bamberg, Germany, 1866; Constantin Brancusi, sculptor, Hobita, Romania, 1876; Sacha Guitry, actor and film director, Leningrad, 1885; Bernard William Griffin, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1943-56, Birmingham, 1899; W.H. Auden, poet, York, 1907; Sir Douglas Bader, World War II fighter pilot, London, 1910.

DEATHS: King James I of Scotland, reigned 1406-37, murdered, Perth, 1437; Robert Southwell, Jesuit and poet, executed in London, 1595; Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, The Hague, 1677; Jethro Tull, agricultural writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1741; Robert Hall, Baptist minister, Bristol, 1831; John Charles Rossi, sculptor, London, 1839; Sir Frederick Banting, surgeon, killed in an aircrash, Newfoundland, 1941; Malcolm Little (Malcolm X), American Moslem leader, murdered, New York, 1965; Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist, creator of penicillin therapy, Nobel laureate 1945, 1968; Mikhail Sholokhov, novelist, Veshenskaya, Russia, 1984; Dame Margot Fonteyn, prima ballerina, Panama, 1991.

The first electric burglar alarm was installed by Edwin Holmes of Boston, Massachusetts, 1858.

The Battle of Verdun began, 1916.

It was announced that British women aged 60 and over would receive the old age pension, 1940.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain M.W.L.W. Botsford and Miss M.C. Pender-Cudlip
The engagement is announced between Captain Matthew Willard Louis Wyke Botsford, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, only son of Mr Keith Botsford, of Montpellier, France, and Mrs Sally Tipping, of Westminster, London, and Maria Clare, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs David Pender-Cudlip, of Marnhull, Dorset.

Mr A.P.C. Currie and Mrs U.L. Walmsley
The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.D.P. Currie, of London, SW11, and Ursula Lucy, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs H.S.de N. Rogers, of Woolstone, Oxfordshire.

Mr I.D. George and Miss P.J. Powell
The engagement is announced between Iestyn, only son of Mr David George, of Clapham, London, and Mrs Beti George, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Pandora, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs Jeffrey Powell, of Briningham, Norfolk.

Mr S.A. Howard and Miss E.L. Platt
The engagement is announced between Stephen Howard, son of Mr Esme Howard, of Westcroft Square, London, and Mrs Francis Bennett, of Twickenham, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Platt, of East Horsley.

Mr S. Lillis and Ms J.K. Goold
The engagement is announced between Shaun, son of Mr Michael Lillis and the late Mrs Lillis, of Bracknell, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Goold, of Harpenden.

Mr B.S. Rich and Ms R.J. Reeves
The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Judge Michael Rich, QC, and Mrs Rich, of Dulwich Village, London, and Rachael, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Reeves, of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

Señor C. Velasco Bozzano and Miss C.V. Canning
The engagement is announced between Carlos, younger son of Señor Jesús Velasco Llorente and Señora Carmen Bozzano Barnes, of Madrid, and Clair, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Canning, of Brighton, Sussex.

Sandroyd School

The opening of the new Senior Study/Bedrooms at Sandroyd School will take place on March 24, 1994. Details from: Sandroyd, Rushmore, Tollard Royal, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5QD (Tel: 0725 516264).

Sibton Park

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Latest wills

The Rt Hon Henry Richard, 5th Baron Hindlip, of Amesbury, Wiltshire, a former Deputy Lieutenant for Wiltshire, left estate valued at £325,351 net.

Mr Francis Kenneth Chorley, of London SW6, deputy chief executive of Plessey 1983-86, left estate valued at £1,290,149 net.

Mr Samuel Caplan, of Stanmore, London, left estate valued at £2,028,957 net.

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I Corinthians 1:27 (REB)

BIRTHS

AZIS - On 16th February 1994, to Fiona and Robin, a daughter, Louisa Sophia Fleur, a sister for Oliver and Alexander.

DE LA PASTURE - On February 13th, to Sarah and Jonathan, a son, Charles Gerard Hubert.

KELLY - On February 16th, to Alexandra (née Czernin) and David, a daughter.

MALTBY - On February 17th, to Sarah and William, a daughter, Poppy, a sister for George and Alice.

McHARDY - On February 12th 1994, to Miranda (née Forbes Leith) and Julian, a daughter, Iona Jane, a sister for Andrew.

PETCH - On February 17th, to Amanda (née Fair) and Robert, a son, Frederic Hamilton.

STENNETT - On February 17th at Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton, to Caroline (née Waring) and Richard, a son, Thomas Harry March.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MARSDEN-CAMERON-DOUGLAS - February 21st 1944, at Bombay, Major Edmund Marsden, 11th The P.A.V.O. Cavalry (Frontier Force) to Third Officer Jean Cameron-Douglas W.R.N.S.

DEATHS

BALLENDEN - On February 18th 1994, peacefully, Angela May, beloved wife of the late Dr Jim Ballenden and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Saturday, February 26th, at 11am. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to Guide Dogs for the Deaf and Blind. Enquiries to the Funeral Directors, W R R Pugh & Son, tel (0743) 344646.

DEATHS

BEAVER - On February 17th, peacefully after a long illness, Rev. Maurice John Beaver aged 78 years, formerly Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools. Dearest husband of Winifred and much loved father of Malcolm, John, Richard and Mary and devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Hagley, on Thursday 24th February at 11.15 am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Worcester Cathedral Appeal, 10A College Green, Worcester WR1 2LN.

BILLETT - On February 15th, Professor Harold (Harry) suddenly at his home in Cheddar, Somerset, aged 74. Former acting Provost of University College London. Husband of Beryl and father of Eric, Heather (Scourse) and Pamela. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Cheddar, Somerset, on Wednesday February 23rd, at 2.00pm, followed by cremation at Weston-super-Mare Crematorium at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Age Concern may be forwarded to George Williams Funeral Director, Penn Farm, Redcliffe Street, Cheddar, Somerset. Tel: 0934 742968.

HARDING - On February 11th, 1994, Brigadier Kerry Harding O.B.E. M.C. ERD, suddenly whilst on holiday in Spain. Dearly loved husband of Marjorie and the late Daphne, father of Michael, Kerry, Elizabeth and the late Anne, and loving grandfather and great grandfather. Requiem Mass at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa on Thursday, 24th February at 2.00 p.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to the Army Benovolent Fund would be gratefully received at H.J. Dawson, Funeral Directors, 22 George Street, Leamington Spa.

HIGGINS - On February 15th 1994, peacefully at Ashwood Nursing Home, Burwash Common, Edgar Randell, aged 81, after a long illness borne with great courage and cheerfulness. Dear brother of Nancy, Carline and Stella Nesfield. Dearly loved and respected by his family and many friends. Cremation at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday March 2nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

HOLLINGSWORTH - On 16th February, at Bromley Hospital, Dorothy F. Hollingsworth O.B.E., dear sister of Bob and aunt of Anne and Richard. Service at St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst, 11.15 am Friday 25th February followed by cremation at Eltham at 12.15 pm. Flowers or if preferred donations to "Children in Distress" to W. Uden & Sons Ltd., 64 High Street, Sidcup, Kent.

HOWARD - On February 16th 1994 at St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth, Michael William Howard M.C. and Bar. Dearly loved by all who knew him. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Friday February 25th at St Mary's Church, Sampford Spiney, near Yelverton, S. Devon.

LILLIE - On February 16th 1994, peacefully after a long illness. George Roger Venables Lillie in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Linda. Funeral Service at St Andrew's, Cubert, Cornwall, on Wednesday 23rd February at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations to The Friends of the Renal Unit, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth.

McEACHRAN - On February 17th, 1994, Hugh Eric, peacefully. Dearly loved husband of Carolyn, a loved father of Simon, Joanna and Matthew, dear son of Nora and brother of Colin. Private family funeral followed by Service of Thanksgiving, thereafter at St Margaret's Newlands, Glasgow at 3.00pm on Thursday 24th February to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

McLEAN - On 16th February 1994, in hospital in London, suddenly after a short illness, Robin Malcolm MA (St Andrew's), aged 46, of Texaco Ltd. Youngest son of Patrick Arthur W.S. and the late Dr. Winifred Maud (née Dempster), formerly of Inverleith Terrace, Edinburgh. Dearly loved brother of Alastair, Niall and Catriona, and a much loved uncle. Funeral on Wednesday 23rd February at Our Lady's Church, Stephendale Road, Fulham, London SW6 at 2 pm and afterwards cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.45 pm. No flowers, donations to Friends of St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London.

DEATHS

WHITEHURST - On February 18th 1994, Kenneth William, peacefully in his sleep, aged 66. Beloved husband of Margaret and father of Christopher, Kate and Susan.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DICKINSON - The memorial gathering for Patrick Dickinson will be held at The Society of Authors, 82 Drayton Gardens, SW10, on May 20th at 12 noon.

LIBBY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Patrick Libby will be held at St Paul's Church, Bedford Street, Covent Garden, London, on Tuesday 15th March 1994 at 12 noon. All are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVOLUTIONARY article titled "A Brief History Of NO Time" Contact M Gidea Tel 0353 765515. (24 Hours).

BIRTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES

DEREK JARMAN

Derek Jarman, film director, died from an Aids-related illness on February 19 aged 52. He was born on January 31, 1942, in Northwood, Middlesex.



DEREK JARMAN was the first to acknowledge the dark irony that wide public recognition of his achievements in British cinema only followed the disclosure in 1987 that he was suffering from the Aids virus. It demonstrated, he said, a "vulture culture". Characteristically, he pressed ahead with film projects, even though his illness meant he was not always able to be physically present on the set.

Blindness did not halt him either: when his sight began to fade last year, Jarman's response was to make the extraordinary and powerful *Blue*, a film unlike any other in history, where an unchanging blue screen accompanies soundtrack musings on Aids, blindness and one of his favourite colours. He also continued to prepare books. In 1991 he published the autobiographical *Modern Nature*. A new book of diary observations, *At Your Own Risk: A Saint's Testament*, was published the following year (the first, *Dancing Ledge*, emerged in 1984) and the distillation of his theory of art, *Chroma: A Meditation on the Nature of Colour*, has only recently appeared. He was fêted with retrospectives, and interviewed widely. When *The Garden*, an interpretation of the Gospel story, opened in 1991, he even appeared on a BBC gardening programme.

Yet for connoisseurs of independent cinema, Jarman had long been a name to reckon with. *Sebastiane*, his first feature, co-directed with Paul Humfrees in 1976, immediately proclaimed a flamboyant talent. Drawing upon the story of Sebastian, the third-century Christian martyr, Jarman created a languorous portrait of a mystic caught in a homosexual web. Male nudity and violence guaranteed the film immediate notoriety; so did its Latin dialogue — chosen by Jarman to avoid the banalities of most period scripts. Jarman's next film *Jubilee* (1978) — a riotous survey of punk culture, as surveyed by Queen Elizabeth I, transported in time — consolidated his reputation as the most startling talent working in British cinema.

Jarman's creative roots lay in painting and set design. Indeed, it was only after *The Tempest* in 1979 — most famous perhaps for Elisabeth Welch's cabaret appearance singing "Stormy Weather" — that he began to consider film-making his true profession. "No one bought my paintings," he explained, "and everyone watched the films."

Jarman studied painting at the Slade School; in his final year, 1967, his work was included in the Tate Gallery's *Young Contemporaries* exhibition. Subsequently, he designed sets for Frederick Ashton's ballet *Jazz Calendar* and two films by Ken Russell, *The Devils* and *Savage Messiah*.

At the same time Jarman explored cinema on his own, making short films in Super 8 and 16mm, catching friends, events, places, and private moods. The films of Kenneth Anger and Andy Warhol proved a direct stimulus; so did Jung's writings, particularly his *Sermons to the Dead*. Jung, Jarman said, "gave me the confidence to allow my dream images to drift and collide at random".

Through his work with the relatively cheap formats of Super 8, 16mm and video, Jarman developed an adventurous approach to the texture of the screen image. In *The Angelic Conversation* (1985), a poetic reverie of gay love matched to a soundtrack reading by Judi Dench of Shakespeare's sonnets, Jarman the film-maker and Jarman the painter co-existed in perfect harmony.

Yet for all his experimental leanings, Jarman remained haunted by tradition, whether in culture or society. The seeds lay in his own upper middle-class upbringing (a minor conventional public school and an authoritarian father who had been an RAF bomber pilot and wing commander). Authority figures — from the police, church or military — constantly appeared in Jarman's films, to be ridiculed and abused.

English literature provided constant inspiration; Shakespeare texts, Marlowe's *Edward II*, the poems of Wilfred Owen — used in his film of Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* (1989). Visual traditions weighed equally heavily. Scenes would crystallise into tableaux representing famous paintings. *The Last of England* (1987) took its title and selected imagery from Ford Madox Brown's canvas. An entire feature — one of his finest — celebrated the art and wayward life of Caravaggio: Renaissance painter, brawler, bisexual lover and murderer.

In Jarman, avant-garde style went hand in hand with a strong romantic sensibility. Learning about William Morris when at Canford School in the 1950s, Jarman pounced on his notion that art and life should be indivisible. He proved its worth by digging far deeper than most British film-makers into his own experiences. The crucified artist in a crass world; the joys of homosexual love; the yearning for a private haven (symbolised in his later films by the English garden): these were his continuing themes.

With *Caravaggio* — his first foray into 35mm and conventional narrative, made after a long struggle for funding — Jarman reached a wider audience than before, though the film brought him no nearer any financial success. For money, Jarman made pop promos (featuring, among others, Marianne Faithfull and the Pet Shop Boys); these kept him in touch with new video technology.

Exhausted by the seven-year struggle to mount *Caravaggio*, Jarman returned to the shoe-string world of Super 8. *The Last of England* (1987) — a splintered portrait of a country in terminal decay — took the director's style to the brink of incoherence. But in *The Garden* (1990) he regained control, weaving a densely personal tapestry round themes of death, religion and sexual repression, set against the stony landscape surrounding his own house at Dungeness. For *Edward II* (1991), Marlowe's play provided a strict framework; yet Jarman's imagination burnt as fiercely as ever, yanking the text from its Eng. Lit. ivory tower into a contemporary world of consumer greed, anti-gay legislation and fashion-plate royalty.

Aside from Steven Waddington's Edward, Tilda Swinton, a continuing and sustaining presence in Jarman's later films, created a startling impression as Queen Isabella, dressed in what would appear to be selections from Audrey Hepburn's and Imelda Marcos's wardrobe.

Jarman next created one of his most entertaining and cogent films in *Wittgenstein*, which showed the linguistic philosopher formulating his semantic theories while harbouring passions for Betty Grable movies and a working-class lad called Johnny. The film both excited the eye, and stimulated the intellect.

Voluble, witty and truculent, Jarman actively supported gay causes, and lit many bonfires of controversy. (He loved fires, and included one in almost every film.) The initial furore over *Sebastiane* erupted again in 1986 when Channel Four transmitted the film, along with *Jubilee*, just as the Tory MP Winston Churchill tried to extend the Obscene Publications Act to cover television and video. But the cries of Churchill and Mary Whitehouse — "she represents death in our culture." Jarman snorted — only succeeded in increasing audiences for his new film, *Caravaggio*.

One year earlier, during British Film Year, Jarman had raged against the exclusion of independent film-makers, like himself, from the trumpeted parade of British glories. But time will ensure his place in history, as a proud, passionate artist of singular gifts.

MARGARET LANE

Margaret Lane, the Dowager Countess of Huntingdon, died in Southampton on February 14 aged 86. She was born on June 23, 1907.



A BIOGRAPHER, novelist, journalist and member of the old BBC *Brains Trust*, Margaret Lane combined a busy schedule as a writer with her work as president of a string of literary societies, including the Dickens Fellowship, the Johnson Society, the Brontë Society and the Jane Austen Society. She could at times appear a slightly daunting woman. She spoke her mind plainly, and did not believe in wasting time — indeed, her presidencies served as unofficial research posts for some of her better biographies: *Samuel Johnson and His World* (1975) was particularly well-received. And, though she had originally planned to concentrate on fiction, it was as a biographer that she made her mark on the literary world.

A daughter of a sometime editor of the *Evening News*, H. G. Lane, Margaret Lane was educated at St Stephen's, Folkestone, and St Hugh's College, Oxford. Tall and well-turned out, with huge blue eyes and the sort of beauty that lasted well into old age, she was the Zuleika Dobson of her year. She was briefly married in the 1930s to the son of Edgar Wallace, and produced her first biography, on her father-in-law, in 1938. But already she was better known as a novelist. Her first effort, *Faith, Hope, No Charity* (1935) had been awarded the prestigious Prix Femina-Vie Heureuse. She and Bryan Wallace were divorced in 1939.

In 1944, after several more novels — none of them as good as the first — Margaret Lane married the 15th Earl of Huntingdon (it was his second marriage as well). The following year she suffered a personal trauma that stopped her writing fiction for the next 20 years. She claimed that it stemmed from the moment when, as she was convalescing in a nursing home after the birth of her daughter Selina, she happened to read a newspaper report about Hiroshima.

Margaret Lane's marriage to Lord Huntingdon proved some compensation for the writer's block. She turned their chambers in Albany into a literary salon, and kept animals — doves, owls, cats and dogs — at their house at Beaulieu in the New Forest. She loved country life. Indeed, it was during a walk in the Hampshire fields in 1963 that she suddenly felt happy enough to start writing fiction again. The result was a novel called *A Night at Sea* (1964), the story of a QC torn between his wife and mistress.

If Margaret Lane may not have been in the first rank as a novelist, she had a sharp eye for human nature and a good command of narrative. In fact these talents applied much better to biography, at which she excelled. The work on Edgar Wallace was followed by the recently reissued *The Tale of Beatrix Potter* (1946) and *The Brontë Story* (1953), both written to scholarly standards. Another of her bestsellers was *Life with Ionides* (1963) an account of her three-month stay in Tanganyika with C. J. P. Ionides, popularly known as "the snake man". Always elegant, whatever situation she found herself in, Margaret Lane had herself photographed in a low-cut evening dress with an 11ft python draped around her neck for the subsequent book launch.

She loved travelling and in the mid-1960s hid herself away in Tangier, where she claimed to be able to work more easily, in a tiny four-roomed Arab house in the kasbah. When in England she wrote for several of the national newspapers. Fresh out of St Hugh's, she was taken on by the *Daily Express* (she was one of the few women to be found in a Fleet Street newsroom at the time). She worked in New York for the International News Service and for the *Daily Mail* during the 1930s, and began reviewing books for *The Daily Telegraph* from the late 1950s until 1987. She was president of the Women's Press Club, 1958-60.

Her husband, who had been a junior minister in Clement Attlee's postwar Labour Government, devoted the rest of his life to painting murals. He died in 1990. Margaret Lane is survived by their two daughters.

CARDINAL FRANCOIS MARTY

Cardinal François Marty, former Roman Catholic Archbishop of Paris, died aged 89 on February 16 when his car was hit by a train at a level crossing at Villefranche-de-Rouergue, Aveyron. He was born on May 10, 1904, at Pachins, Aveyron.

CARDINAL MARTY died at the wheel of his old Citroen 2 CV given him as a present in 1981 by the priests of Paris upon his retirement after 13 years as head of the French church. The car, a token of the deep affection in which he was held, became legendary in his native Aveyron *departement* where he had retired.

He was known as the cardinal with the common touch and as a religious leader who strove constantly to win back disaffected urban and rural workers both in Paris and throughout the country. The task was difficult given the flight from the Church but Marty's efforts won him the love of the faithful and the respect of non-believers.

Born to a small farmer, he never lost the rich accent and *bonhomie* of his region and was often compared to Pope John XXIII for his origins and simplicity. During the Vatican II Council, Pope John gave him the task of drawing up a report on teaching the Gospel in a manner acceptable to the working class. He also served on the Council's Commission on the Life and Ministry of Priests and on the Non-Believers Secretariat and the Commission to Revise Canon Law.

Throughout his life in the Church, which took him from country curé to Archbishop of Rheims and then to the pinnacle of the French Church at Nôtre Dame in Paris, Marty remained what the French call *un homme de terrain*. Even as a cardinal, he shunned, whenever possible, the receptions associated with his rank. He often seemed ill at ease at gatherings of church and state dignitaries.

He took up the post of Archbishop of Paris on May 4, 1968, at the time of the student and worker upheaval. In an appeal for calm he stated: "God is not conservative. The Church is not neutral." During these difficult times he sought contact with ordinary people in the streets and cafés. It was what he called "getting out of the office".

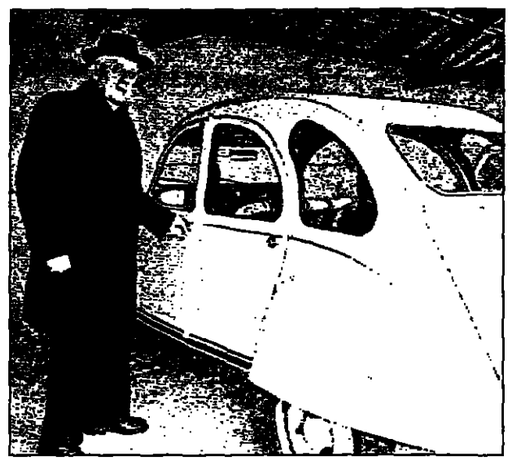
The then Prime Minister, Georges Pompidou, and his aide, Edouard Balladur, the current Prime Minister, drew upon his advice. However, he sought to maintain a certain distance between the Church and the Government and in so doing inaugurated a new style of church-state relations. A dialogue with politicians, he said, was necessary, but "delicate".

He preached unity within the Church and declined to execute a court order in 1977 to expel traditionalists who had occupied Saint Nicholas du Chardonnet church in Paris. In other matters, too, he was a man of dialogue and leavened his advice with quips and *bons mots*, delivered in his southern accent. Earlier, he pleaded in favour of leniency for young leftwingers who had occupied and damaged the Sacré Coeur church in Montmartre.

His attitude in favour of the needy was extended to the young and his formula "God is hiring" caught their ear. Some 50,000 youngsters packed the Parc des Princes stadium when Pope John Paul II made his triumphal visit to Paris in 1980.

The Pope and Cardinal Marty, who had consulted one another during Vatican II in 1965 on the growing problem of contemporary atheism, drove side by side through the capital's streets, notably those of the Latin Quarter and St Germain-des-Prés, lined by cheering crowds. John Paul II spoke later of the cardinal's "robust faith in Jesus Christ and confidence in mankind".

Marty, who came to be regarded by a whole generation of French bishops as their spiritual father, retired to a Dominican community in Aveyron in 1981 after 13 years in Paris where he was succeeded by Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger. He remained active, celebrating mass every Sunday at the village church of Pachins, his birthplace. He was a familiar figure in his little car throughout the region and he was on his way to lunch with his sister when the Citroen became stuck on a level crossing.



RANDY SHILTS

Randy Shilts, the San Francisco journalist and author who pioneered awareness of the Aids epidemic in the United States, died from an Aids-related illness in California on February 17 aged 42. He was born in Davenport, Iowa, on August 8, 1951.



RANDY SHILTS never attempted to hide his homosexuality. Hired as a reporter by the *San Francisco Chronicle* in 1981, not without some misgivings on the part of the management, he became the first openly gay journalist to work for a major American newspaper. Initially he was barred from covering gay issues but that soon changed as strange outbreaks of unusual types of pneumonia and skin cancer began to appear among San Francisco's large homosexual community.

Before long Shilts had persuaded his editor to let him work full-time on the story, and his relentless investigation into the spread of the disease was largely responsible for alerting the public to the fact that Aids was becoming a global epidemic.

In 1987 he published *And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the Aids Epidemic* which castigated the Reagan Administration, the medical establishment, and even some gay organisations for their indifference to the disease. Ironically, it was on the day he submitted the final manuscript that Shilts learnt that he had tested positive for the HIV virus.

Shilts never expected the book to be a commercial success but it remained on *The New York Times* bestseller list for five weeks and turned him into a celebrity. "Any good reporter could have done this story," he said in an interview at the time. "But I think the reason I did it, and no one else did, is because I am gay. It was happening to people I cared about and loved." *And the Band Played On* was nominated for a national book award and later became a widely-praised television movie.

In 1992, now suffering from full-blown Aids, Shilts completed work on his last book while lying in hospital. *Conduct Unbecoming: Lesbians and Gays in the US Military* was based on interviews with military personnel and government records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act; its aim was to trace the history of persecution of homosexuals in the armed forces.

It was intended, Shilts said, to be "my definitive book on homophobia". Published at a moment when the subject of gays in the military was a hot political issue in America, the book became an instant best-seller and was on *The New York Times* list for six weeks.

Randy Shilts had declared his homosexuality while studying journalism at the University of Oregon and, despite graduating at the top of his class, found employment hard to come by. He wrote later in a report to the American Society of Newspaper Editors: "It's impossible to describe the intense frustration of knowing you're utterly qualified for a job, but unable to get it because of a factor that has nothing to do with your competence."

Shilts worked for three years on *The Advocate*, a gay publication in San Francisco and then became a local television reporter before being hired by *The Chronicle*. His first book, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, a biography of the murdered gay-rights activist Harvey Milk, was published in 1982.

Though he was given the Lifetime Achievement award by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in 1993, Shilts was not universally popular among homosexuals.

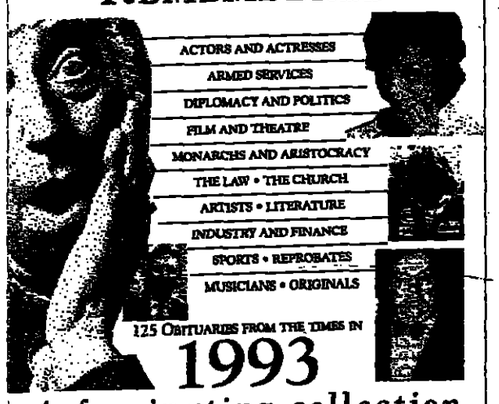
His reporting on the involvement of San Francisco's bath houses in the spread of Aids saw him labelled as "a gay Uncle Tom" by some radical homosexuals, and he was unable to walk in the city's Castro district without being jeered or spat upon.

Shilts was unrepentant. "I can only answer that I tried to tell the truth and, if not be objective, at least be fair," he wrote. "History is not served when reporters prize trepidation and propriety over the robust journalistic duty to tell the whole story."

Randy Shilts leaves no survivors.

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The Rev John Read, Rector, Earsham, Alburgh and Denton (local ecumenical parish): to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Ditchingham w Pirnough, Hedenham, and Broome (Norwich).

The Rev John Simpson, Curate, Immingham (Lincoln): to be Priest-in-charge, Ramsey St Mary and Upwood, in the Ramsey Team Ministry (Ely).

The Rev Robert Whitehouse, Curate, *St Leonard's, Sheffield* (Sheffield): to be Priest-in-charge, St Philip the Apostle, Birchencliffe, and Diocesan Youth Officer and Bishop's Chaplain for Youth (Wakefield).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Jeremy Bunting, Vicar, St Jude-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb (London): to resign as from April 5.

The Rev Graham Drake, Rector, Buxton w Oxnead, Lammas and Brampton, Rural Dean of Ingworth (Norwich): to resign as Rural Dean as from March 31.

The Rev Donald Humphries, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Cambridge (Ely): to retire as from April 24.

The Rev Robin Jeffree, Vicar, Ryston w Roxham and West Dereham (Ely): retired as from February 15.

The Rev Stephen Moseling, Vicar, St Matthias, Colindale (London): to resign as from February 22.

The Rev Desmond Tucker, Priest-in-charge, St Michael the Archangel on the Mount Without (Bristol): to retire as from March 6.

Other appointments

Elaine Appelbee, Pam Aston, Astrid Hansen, Tony Hesselwood, Dr Philip Lewis, and Jeremy Mackrell have been appointed Lay Canons of Bradford Cathedral (the first such appointments).

Margaret Laird (Third Church Estates Commissioner), and Brian Hanson (Legal Adviser and Registrar to the General Synod) have been elected Governors of Pusey House, Oxford.

THEATRE SPEECHES

(BY OUR DRAMATIC CRITIC)

Can nothing be done to restrain actors and actresses, playwrights and producers, from making first-night speeches? Hardly a first night passes now without some boy or girl in the gallery squalling "Speech! Speech!" with an immediate response from the stage. Why should they be permitted to impose their will on the whole house by loudly demanding what the house, as a whole, assuredly does not want? The matter rests with the people on the stage. If they would only keep their mouths tight shut the nuisance would soon cease. But they are all, as a rule, deplorably eager to speak. After delivering the author's lines for a couple of hours they wish to utter something of their own. The result is almost invariably a painful contrast between the art in which they are accomplished experts and the art in which they are raw amateurs. Indeed, it is notorious that stage-players make the very worst of public speakers. Trained as they are to recite from memory, they are naturally inclined to resort to the same practice in speech-making. And so, for choice, they offer a series of laboriously prepared impromptus which smell villainously of the lamp. Or else, more bold, they trust to the inspiration of the moment and the trust proves misplaced, for the moment rarely inspires them with anything else than puerile banalities. I have heard an actor (or an author) declare that this was the crowning moment of his life, that he little dreamed when a tiny tot in Kentucky (or wherever) that he would one day stand upon that historic stage to enjoy such a glorious reward of his labours from the great public of this grand city, &c., &c.—and retire broken down with emotion from a bored house which was wondering what the queer play had been about and how the players had managed to struggle through their parts. I had no such feeling about Miss Marie Tempest's speech at her recent first night. She was obviously sincere, and, indeed, any insincerity would have been impossible, unthinkable, in the presence of that excited audience, all warm with the joy of seeing their old favourite, after a lapse of years, once again among them. But she need not have prepared a literary, not to say didactic, exercise. Nor did the occasion seem to call for geographical and statistical information about Australia. A few simple words would have sufficed. But I cannot help thinking she would have done better still not to speak at all . . .

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The writer was assuredly voicing the opinion of the majority of those in the stalls, among whom, of course, were those drama critics in a hurry to get away and start writing.

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NEWS

Threat of Nato air strikes lifted

■ The threat of immediate air strikes against Bosnian Serb guns appeared to have been lifted, at least for the time being, despite the Serbs' failure fully to meet Nato's midnight deadline.

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia, said the withdrawal of Serb guns from around Sarajevo was proceeding "reasonably" and there was no immediate need for air strikes ..... **Pages 1, 11**

Gay sex vote in balance

■ Campaigners for reducing the homosexual age of consent from 21 to 16, expressed confidence in the run-up to the Commons votes. The result is too close to call, with any of the options — reducing the age of consent to 16, reducing it to 18 and leaving it at 21 — all possible outcomes ..... **Page 1**

Climbers killed

Five climbers were killed and several more were injured as thousands of people tackled British mountains. Experts believe clear winter skies lured climbers onto the peaks ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Audacious move

John Smith will make an audacious move to win the support of big business by teaming up with the architect of Whitehall's own plans to attract more capital from business ..... **Page 1**

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Mobile police gun patrols on London streets are being strengthened amid Scotland Yard concern at the increasing availability of illegal weapons and fear by officers of attack ..... **Page 2**

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Islamic hardliners have taken control of key cultural posts in Iran, dashing hopes of a "Tehran spring" of liberalisation raised by the victory of supporters of President Rafsanjani in the 1992 parliamentary poll ..... **Page 9**

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Ministers are bracing themselves for widespread protests when they announce a radical cutback in the £23 billion road-building programme ..... **Page 7**

Enter 'newish man'

New men who share equally in housework and child-rearing are in short supply but "newish men" who help with at least one chore, are emerging ..... **Page 5**

Bandit queen freed

Eleven years after being jailed without trial, India's "bandit queen", is free. But she looks a far cry from the daredevil, rifle-toting woman of legend ..... **Page 9**

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President Clinton will roll out the red carpet for John Major when he visits Washington in an effort to dispel the belief that the "special relationship" has turned sour ..... **Page 10**

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Government plans for two big marine nature reserves have been dismissed by conservationists in Britain ..... **Page 8**

Barbie joins the health conscious

■ Barbie, that weathervane of American cultural attitudes, turns 35 this month, and with the passing years she is taking a more health-conscious approach to life. At the International Toy Fair in New York, Barbie's manufacturers launched "Gymnast Barbie", a model with double-jointed arms and legs able to do yoga, sit-ups and the splits ..... **Page 10**



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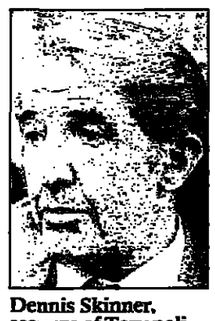
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Nancy Seabrooke, probably the longest-serving understudy, is retiring after 15 years in the wings of the longest-running play, *The Mousetrap* **Page 3**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Art goes back to basics

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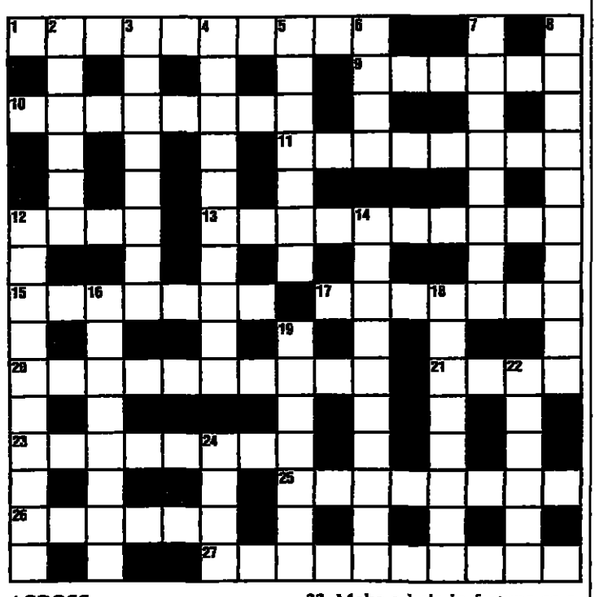
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Penzance 11C (52F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Bristol and Weston-super-Mare, Avon, 0.09in; highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, 9 1hr

FORECASTS

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be bitterly cold with snow showers affecting eastern areas in particular, but also reaching some central parts. Western areas of England and all of Wales should be dry and bright, although the southwest will have some rain, sleet or snow which may spread northeast later.

Scotland will be mainly cold, dry and bright but with some snow showers in the east.

Northern Ireland will be cold but dry and bright.

☐ **London, SE England, E Midlands, Central N England:** there will be some snow showers. Wind light to moderate mostly easterly. Max temp 2-3C (36-37F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England:** snow showers, locally heavy and prolonged. Wind light and variable becoming easterly light. Max temp 1-2C (34-36F).

☐ **Central S England, S Wales:** mostly dry, some sunny spells, more cloudy with sleet or snow later. Wind easterly moderate to fresh. Max temp 2-3C (36-37F).

☐ **W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** it will be mostly dry and bright or sunny. Wind easterly moderate to fresh. Max temp 2-4C (36-39F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** mostly cloudy with some rain, sleet or snow, especially later. Wind east to southeast moderate to fresh. Max temp 4-5C (39-41F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** snow showers, locally heavy and prolonged. Wind east to northeast light to moderate. Max temp 1-2C (34-36F).

☐ **Outlook:** sleet or snow moving north.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	2	36	c	Liverpool	6.9	-	3	37	s
Anglesey	3.3	0.02	5	41	s	London	4.0	-	4	39	s
Aspatria	7.3	-	3	37	s	Lowestoft	7.3	-	2	36	s
Aviemore	5.5	-	4	39	s	Manchester	6.4	-	3	37	s
Belfast	1.5	-	3	37	b	Margate	X				
Birmingham	X					Morecambe	X				
Bognor R	0.3	0.08	3	37	sn	Newcastle	-	-	2	36	sn
Bournem'th	-	0.47	2	36	sn	Newquay	X				
Bristol	-	0.13	3	37	sl	Norwich	6.7	-	2	36	s
Buxton	3.2	-	0	32	s	Nottingham	3.6	-	2	36	b
Cardiff	-	0.51	3	37	sn	Penzance	-	0.92	10	50	r
Clacton	5.1	-	2	36	s	Plymouth	-	0.77	6	43	r
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	-	0.68	3	37	sn
Colwyn Bay	5.6	-	3	37	s	Rose-o-wye	1.8	0.15	3	37	sn
Cromer	3.9	-	2	36	sn	Ryde	X				
Dunbar	X					Salcombe	X				
Eastbourne	0.4	-	3	37	c	Sandown	-	0.22	3	37	sn
Edinburgh	2.4	-	4	39	b	Saunin Snd	-	0.21	5	41	du
Eskdalemuir	3.7	-	2	36	sn	Scarboro'	-	-	1	34	c
Exmouth	-	0.65	4	39	sn	Scilly Isles	X				
Falmouth	X	1.65	7	45	r	Shanklin	-	0.32	3	37	sl
Folkestone	2.7	-	1	34	s	Skegness	2.3	-	2	36	sn
Glasgow	1.6	-	5	41	b	Southend	X				
Guernsey	-	0.54	8	46	sh	Southport	7.2	-	3	37	s
Hastings	1.5	-	2	36	b	Southsea	-	0.20	2	36	sn
Hayling I	X					Stornoway	X				
Herne Bay	3.5	-	1	34	s	Swanage	-	0.35	4	39	sl
Howe	-	0.02	X	X	b	Teignmouth	-	0.67	5	41	sn
Hunstanton	5.9	-	236			Tenby	-	0.27	4	39	r
Isle of Man	3.7	-	4	39	s	Tiree	3.5	-	6	43	b
Jersey	-	0.39	8	46	r	Torquay	-	1.02	7	45	r
Kinloss	3.7	-	5	41	b	Tynemouth	-	-	3	37	c
Leeds	1.0	-	2	36	s	Ventnor	-	0.28	2	36	sn
Lerwick	-	-	3	37	sn	West-s-mare	-	0.27	5	41	sl
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Llandrindod	X					Wick	X				

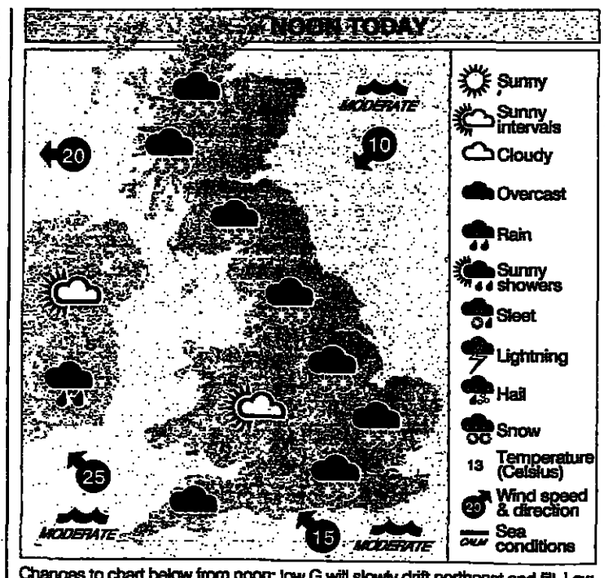
ABROAD at noon

Ajaccio	13	55	c	C'phagn	-2	28	c	Madrid	12	54	f
Alicante	18	64	s	Corfu	14	57	f	Majorca	17	63	f
Alex'dria	18	64	s	Dublin	3	37	r	Malaga	19	66	f
Algiers	19	66	f	Dubrovnik	10	50	c	Malta	15	59	s
Amst'dam	-1	30	s	Faro	16	61	f	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Athens	15	59	f	Florence	5	41	d	Mexico C	-	--	
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	-2	28	s	Miami	26	79	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Funchal	18	64	f	Milan	3	37	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	4	39	r	Montreal	4	39	s
Barcelona	16	61	c	Gibraltar	18	64	f	Moscow	-11	12	s
Beirut	21	70	s	Helsinki	-9	16	sn	Munich	3	37	s
Belgrade	0	32	f	Hong K	19	66	s	Nairobi	27	81	s
Berlin	-2	28	c	Innsbruck	0	32	f	Naples	14	57	f
Bermuda	20	68	f	Istanbul	9	48	r	N Delhi	33	73	s
Biarritz	11	52	c	Jeddah	32	90	s	N York	5	41	s
Borde'x	9	48	c	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Nice	7	45	f
Brussels	-3	27	s	Karachi	-	--		Oslo	-7	19	s
Budapst	1	34	f	L Palmas	22	72	s	Paris	3	37	d
B Aires	31	88	s	Le Tquet	0	32	f	Peking	8	46	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Lisbon	15	59	f	Perth	27	81	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Locarno	4	39	c	Prague	-1	30	s
Chicago	14	57	c	L Angels	12	54	s	Reykjavik	5	41	r
Ch'church	18	64	s	Luxembg	-3	27	c	Rhodes	13	55	r
Cologne	-3	27	s	Luxor	29	84	s	Rio de J	36	97	f

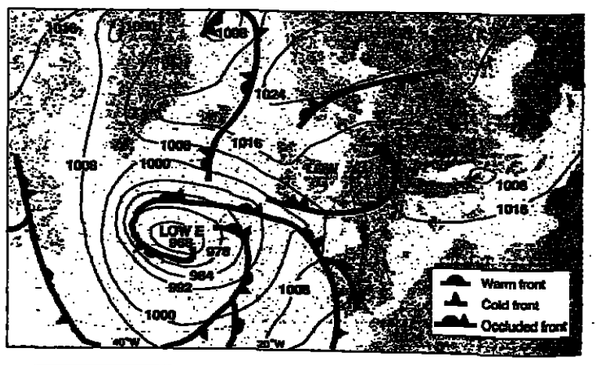
Rome	13	55	s
Salzburg	2	36	f
S F'isco	7	45	r
Santiago	30	86	s
S Paulo	32	90	c
Seoul	9	48	f
Sing'por	32	90	f
Strkholm	-7	19	sn
Strasb'rg	-1	30	sn
Sydney	20	68	c
Tangier	17	63	f
Tel Aviv	20	68	s
Tenerife	21	70	s
Tokyo	13	55	s
Toronto	9	48	f
Tunis	13	55	f
Valencia	19	66	s
Vanc'ver	6	43	s
Venice	5	41	f
Vienna	-1	30	s
Warsaw	-2	28	c
Wash'ton	17	63	s
Wel'ngton	16	61	c
Zurich	-1	30	sn

X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low G will slowly drift northeast and fill. Low E should fill as it drifts eastwards. High V will gradually slip southeast and decline. Low W is expected to lose its identity.



TIDE TABLES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.05	5.41	9.43	5.53
Aberdeen	9.27	3.35	10.08	3.40
Avonmouth	1.59	9.41	3.01	9.55
Belfast	8.48	2.93	7.28	2.82
Cardiff	1.44	8.86	2.46	8.98
Devonport	12.40	4.2	1.34	4.2
Dover	6.38	5.0	7.20	5.09
Falmouth	12.10	4.0	1.04	4.0
Glasgow	8.09	4.0	8.59	3.9
Harwich	7.00	2.98	7.45	3.0
Holyhead	6.22	4.29	7.00	4.39
Hull	1.45	5.62	2.24	5.68
Ilfracombe	1.11	6.54	2.03	6.62
King's Lynn	1.44	4.6	2.30	4.8
Leith	10.21	4.27	11.04	4.32

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	6.55	7.04	7.36	7.20
Lowestoft	5.16	2.05	5.51	2.13
Margate	7.31	3.66	8.13	3.82
Milford Haven	1.31	4.96	2.26	5.03
Newquay	12.31	5.1	1.25	5.1
Oban	1.39	2.8	3.06	3.0
Penzance	—	—	12.48	4.2
Portland	12.49	1.3	1.34	1.2
Portsmouth	6.44	3.8	7.45	3.8
Shoreham	6.56	4.68	7.36	4.76
Southampton	6.36	3.67	7.34	3.66
Swansea	1.39	7.02	2.30	7.12
Tees	11.48	4.15	—	—
Wilton-on-Nze	7.01	3.18	7.46	3.20

SUN AND MOON

Sun rises: 7.03 am
Sun sets: 5.26 pm
Moon rises 12.23 pm
Moon sets 3.49 am

London 5.28 pm to 7.03 am
Bristol 5.36 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 5.29 pm to 7.25 am
Manchester 5.31 pm to 7.16 am
Penzance 5.50 pm to 7.22 am

Full Moon February 25

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THE TIMES

MONDAY FEBRUARY 21 1994

West Indies rally after losing three early wickets in Test

England show the will to fight

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

ONLY two days into this Test series, the message is clear. West Indies may win over the five games, indeed they may yet win here at Sabina Park. But they are so demonstrably not the awesome force of old that, even after a year of submission against allcomers, England can start believing in the potential for cricketing revolution.

Twice, already, England have taken a position of command in this revealing first Test. Their new opening pair batted for the first three hours and 121 runs of the match and then, yesterday morning, the new-ball attack of Devon Malcolm and Andy Caddick swept away West Indies' top three for a pittance before thrilling half-centuries from the left-handers, Brian Lara and Keith Arthurton, restored equality.

If the first England achievement was measured and muted, an acknowledged asset functioning for a team which would be dangerously exposed without it, the second was cause for high fives and soaring hopes. It was indication that now, more than at any time in the past 15 years, the West Indian batting is susceptible. And with this disclosure comes genuine hope, even for an England side still offering more questions than answers.

In their selection of Graham Thorpe to bat at number three, and of Chris Lewis ahead of a spin bowler, England compromised the plans that had been so long in the making and hinted, disappointingly, at division and uncertainty. Thus far, neither choice seems inspired by anything more credible than whim, when logic and consistency would have served England better.

Thorpe scratched and scrapped unconvincingly for more than two hours over 16 before falling to a horribly disorientated stroke at the height of England's collapse. It was, however, unfair to ask him to do a job which ought to have been entrusted to Robin Smith, the best player of fast bowling in the side in spite of his nought on Saturday, or to Graeme Hick, who might just respond to it.

As for Lewis, his cricket remains blighted by waywardness. His dismissal, six overs from Saturday's close, was a casual flick to square leg which could hardly have declared more feebly that the initiative of the morning had been sacrificed. Yesterday, called on to bowl as first change with West Indies in disarray, he offered them a recovery route by failing to bowl to his field with any discipline of line or length.

If Michael Atherton can be criticised for selections, however, he continues to perform his more public duties impressively. The captaincy has focused his batting, where in others it has been a distraction, and there was so much to admire about the style and pace of his pairing with Alec Stewart that it was hard to believe they had never opened together in a Test.

While they were in occupation, the West Indies attack looked, dare it be said, almost innocuous. With the exception of Curtly Ambrose, who deserved better than his analysis, there is not the quality in this quartet which its many predecessors shared. Indeed, at least on paper, the pick of them was Kenny Benjamin, who took six for 66 in only his third Test, having been dismissed by Worcestershire after only one season.

Benjamin, who is brisk, direct and capable of an occasional ball far quicker than the rest of his repertoire, exploited the indifferent pace and bounce of a pitch which has dismayed the locals and, through its powers as a leveller, given England a chance. He made the last, significant breach yesterday morning when Matthew Maynard, whose highest Test score had been positively made, misjudged the bounce and was leg-before, pulling.

By then, Benjamin had also been warned for intimidation after bowling two successive bouncers at Alan Igglesden, which was firm umpiring from Steve Bucknor. England's total of 234 seemed 100 short but when the West Indian reply began, 50 minutes into the day, it soon assumed a different value. Desmond Haynes had already been out cheaply three times in a week against the touring side and once again he was out of touch. Malcolm turning him square with the last ball of his second over and Thorpe taking the slip catch off the back of the bat.

Simmons is never at his best when the ball swings and Caddick, moving it sharply away from the bat, took the edge of a flat-footed drive.

Richardson, another at odds with his game, fell into a trap by pulling a short one from Malcolm to deep backward square and England were on the verge of something big until Lara began to play strokes of which very few players in the world would have been capable.

SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c Murray b K Benjamin	55
	(227min, 189 balls, 3 fours)
A J Stewart c Murray b K Benjamin	70
	(192min, 118 balls, 10 fours)
G P Thorpe b K Benjamin	16
	(125min, 69 balls, 2 fours)
R A Smith b Walsh	0
	(5min, 6 balls)
G A Hick b Adams	23
	(79min, 65 balls, 3 fours)
M P Maynard lbw b K Benjamin	35
	(99min, 68 balls, 3 fours)
†R C Russell lbw b K Benjamin	0
	(3min, 4 balls)
C C Lewis c Adams b Ambrose	8
	(35min, 27 balls, 1 four)
A R Caddick c Adams b K Benjamin	3
	(25min, 27 balls)
A P Igglesden not out	3
	(29min, 16 balls)
D E Malcolm run out	6
	(4min, 5 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 4, nb 4)	15
Total (421 min, 98.1 overs)	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-121, 2-133, 3-134, 4-172, 5-172, 6-172, 7-194, 8-209, 9-227, 10-234

BOWLING: Ambrose 22-8-46-1 (6-4-13-0, 3-0-10-0, 5-1-7-0, 4-2-2-0, 4-1-14-1) Walsh 23-6-41-1 (7-2-11-0, 6-0-21-0, 5-1-5-1, 5-3-4-0), K Benjamin 24-7-66-6 (nb 4, w 1) (6-3-15-0, 8-1-22-2, 6-2-13-2, 4-1-16-2), W Benjamin 19.1-7-43-0 (4-0-17-0, 5-3-6-0, 5-3-11-0, 4.1-1-9-0); Adams 10-1-31-1 (nb 1) (4-0-10-0, 6-1-21-1)

WEST INDIES: First Innings

D L Haynes c Thorpe b Malcolm	4
	(14min, 13 balls, 1 four)
P V Simmons c Russell b Caddick	6
	(18mn, 10 balls, 1 four)
*R B Richardson c Maynard b Malcolm	5
	(20mn, 13 balls)
B C Lara not out	58
K L T Arthurton not out	57
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (3 wkts)	133

J C Adams, †J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, K C G Benjamin, C E L Ambrose and C A Walsh to bat.

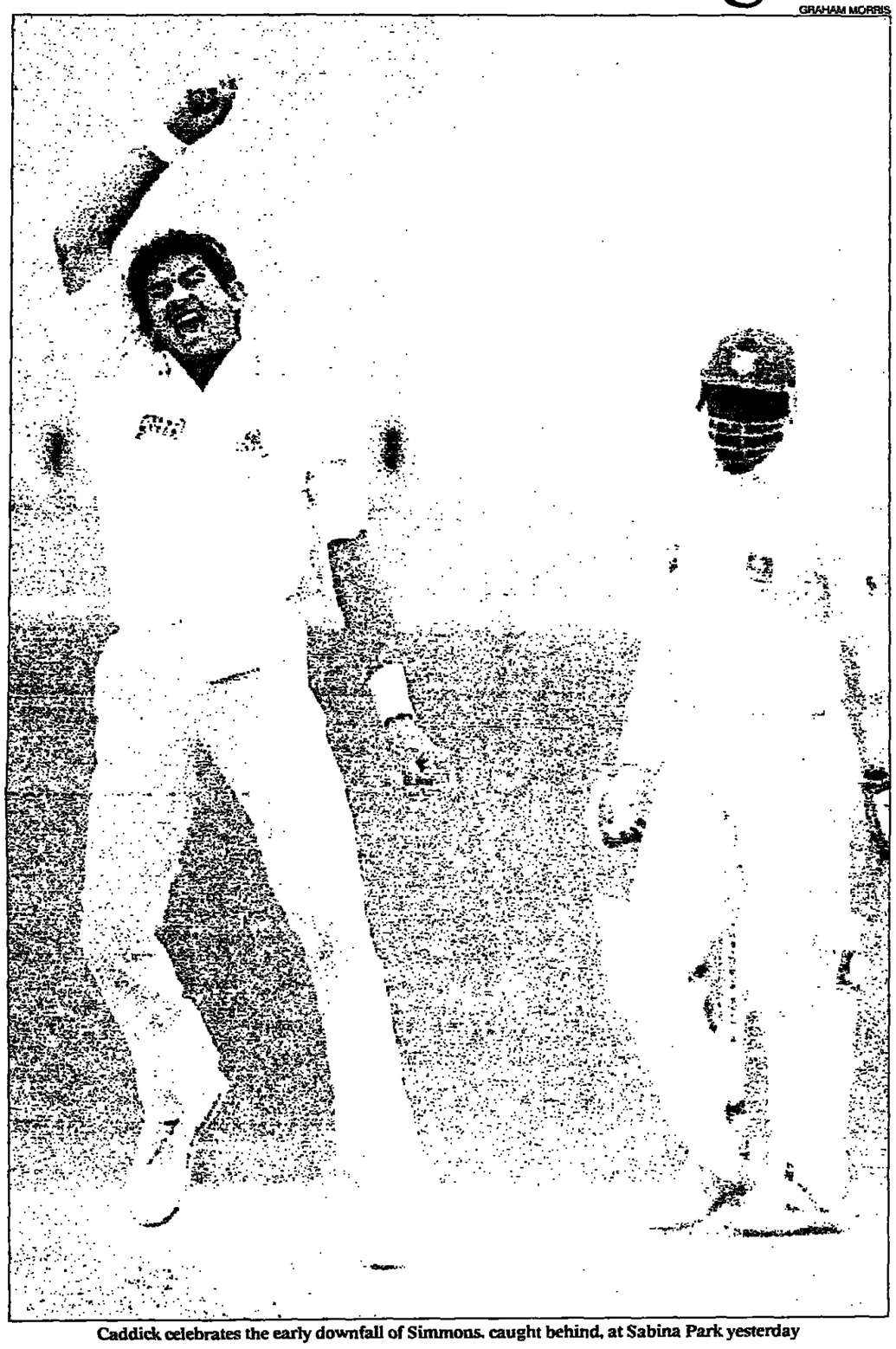
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-12, 3-23

BOWLING: Malcolm 9-1-47-2; Caddick 13-2-35-1 (nb 1), Lewis 6-1-31-0, Igglesden 8-2-20-0.

Umpires: I D Robinson (Zimbabwe) and S A Bucknor (West Indies)

Match referee: S M Gavaskar

TESTS TO COME: Mar 17-22: Second Test (Guyana) Mar 25-30: Third Test (Trinidad) Apr 8-13: Fourth Test (Barbados) Apr 16-21: Fifth Test (Antigua)



GRAHAM MORRIS

Caddick celebrates the early downfall of Simmons, caught behind, at Sabina Park yesterday

British dance pair shaken but stirred into action

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TORVILL and Dean made the startling admission before performing their rhumba in th original programme in Lillehammer last night that their challenge for a second Olympic gold medal was a mistake.

"If we had known when we made the decision how much mental stress there would be we would not have started it," said Christopher Dean wearily of the comeback trail they set out on when announcing a return to amateur competition last year.

"It has been mentally and physically draining — much more than we expected," he confessed after practising the rumba they were to perform in the crucial original dance. It is harder than we thought and it is getting harder by the day."

The couple faced a daunting battle to recapture the gold medal they won in Sarajevo ten years ago after finishing only third in in the compulsories.

But they are refusing to concede defeat to the two Russian pairs: the European silver medallists Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov, and Maia Usova and Alexander Zhulin.

"We want to win and we would not be here if we didn't think we could," said Dean. "As we said before, winning is not everything. It's the only thing."

Dean, 35, who has been the main creative influence behind their Olympic encore, echoed fears that the judges had already turned their backs on the former champions after giving them significantly lower marks than their rivals in the compulsories.

Both Dean and Torvill looked shell-shocked at the marks for the starlight waltz and blues — as low as 5.4 and 5.3 for a couple famous for their record number of perfect sixes. Torvill, 36, hoping to become one of the oldest women in Winter Olympic history to win a gold medal, confided: "We felt deflated yesterday, but we talked about it and tried to gee each other up, but we cannot get too angry. We have to concentrate on the next thing."

On the speed skating rink the Norwegian Johann Olav Koss completed an unprecedented Winter Olympics and world record hat-trick yesterday when he ripped nearly 13sec off the 10,000 metres mark that he set himself in Holland three years ago.

In one of the greatest performances ever by a long-distance skater, Koss became the first to break world records in winning gold medals in three different events at the same Winter Games. "I had hoped to beat the world record but I never dreamed I would come this far down. It's the best race I've ever done," the 25-year-old medical student said.

Koss, who broke the world records for the 5,000 metres last Sunday and the 1,500 on Wednesday, confirmed his position as the best long-distance skater of his generation. He also won gold in the 1,500 metres and silver in the 10,000 at the 1992 Albertville Games. He is the first man to capture three Olympic skating golds at the same Games since Eric Heiden, o the US, won all five events in 1980 at Lake Placid, New York.

He glided home yesterday in 13min 30.55sec to demolish the old record of 13:43.54. His compatriot Kjell Storelid, skating in the final pair, gave the 12,000 fans at the Viking Ship stadium another reason to cheer an hour later when he took his second silver medal of the Games in 13:49.25, 18.70sec slower than Koss.

The defending Olympic champion, Bart Veldkamp of Holland, took the bronze but well behind Koss.



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Wales on brink of treble

SIX years to the day since they last set their sights on rugby union's grand slam, Wales will travel to Twickenham on March 19 to play England with grand slam, triple crown and five nations' championship the prize. Since, in the intervening years, they have four times finished last in the championship, the reversal in form is remarkable.

Their 24-15 victory over France in Cardiff on Saturday has set up the Welsh for a triumphant end-of-season sweep past Spain and Portugal to ensure qualification for the World Cup next year.

Wales have a substantial points difference and with France playing England in Paris on March 5, they must be favoured for the championship at least.

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Stubbs paints picture of despair for Villa

Bolton Wanderers	1
Aston Villa	0

BY PETER BALL

EVEN by the standards of an exceptional year for underdogs, Bolton Wanderers are proving to be something special. Yesterday, a perfectly-struck free kick by the immaculate Alan Stubbs eight minutes from time added Aston Villa to an impressive list of Premiership victims to succumb to the skill and passion of Bolton.

It had been a bad few days for Villa, who lost 3-1 in the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final at Tranmere Rovers on Wednesday. They may yet recover that deficit, but there was no way back for them at Burnden Park yesterday.

"Until the goal went in, it looked as if it was going to be a goalless draw," Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, said. "We battled hard and did well at the back, where McGrath bestrode the game, and we were competitive in midfield, but I was disappointed with the amount of forward play we put together."

Like Villa, Bolton's best players were behind the front line, but the subtle touch of Kelly and the pace of Lee gave them the greater threat.

Bolton can no longer be described as giant-killers. They will go into their first FA Cup quarter-final for 30 years as favourites against the next Premiership club to visit Burnden Park, Oldham Athletic, and the style of their victories makes them a considerable force.

Yesterday they had the better of things throughout. Bolton did not even need a replay on a better playing surface, as they had in previous rounds, against Everton and Arsenal. They kept Villa pinned back for most of a raw afternoon with some fine passing movements and their sheer determination.

The game was never free flowing. The tension of the occasion and the dead surface ensured that, but if chances were at a premium it was a magnificent Cup tie for all that, played at a frantic pace, full of fierce challenge but with hardly a bad foul, and some enterprising football.

From the start Bolton looked the more likely winners, quickly having a packed crowd in full voice as they pressed forward. The commitment was total, particularly in central midfield where Townsend especially worked like a Trojan in the Villa cause.

His efforts were in vain as the touches of Kelly and McAteer's running tilted the balance towards the home side. Although the pace was frantic there was much to admire, the coolness of Froggatt in the unfamiliar position of left back giving Villa optimism when their forwards showed few signs of breaking the stranglehold Bolton had speedily imposed on them.

Bolton had little to show for their territorial supremecy but the pace of Lee down the right was a constant problem for Villa's defence and when at last things began to open up, it was Bolton who had the edge. On the half-hour Kelly found Coyle, who turned Barrett and laid the ball inside for Patterson to bring a flying save from Bosnich. Then a splendid, sweeping Bolton move with Kelly and McAteer heavily involved ended with Phillips hitting the underside of the bar after breaking forward to exchange passes with Patterson.

That took Bolton in at half-time looking the better prospects, but immediately afterwards Villa were to enjoy their best spell of the match as they fashioned two chances in as many minutes.

From the first Richardson found Daley, who escaped from Brown for the first and only time in the match. Saunders met his low cross at the near post but the ball eluded the goal as well as Davison's dive.

Moments later Richardson chipped a pass between the Bolton central defenders to give Yorke a stride's advantage, but the forward screwed his shot well wide as Stubbs put him under pressure.

It was to be Villa's last chance as Lee's pace produced a series of free kicks. Bosnich saved the first from Kelly at full stretch, and watched the second fly harmlessly high. Stubbs took over on the third, drilling his shot low into the corner of the net from nearly 30 yards. "I saw a gap in the wall and aimed for that," the much-admired central defender said.

Ron Atkinson will not be happy about that either.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): A Davison — P Brown, M Seagraves, A Stubbs, J Phillips — D Lee, J McAteer, A Kelly, M Patterson — J McGinlay, O Coyle

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — N Cox, P McGrath, E Barrett, S Froggatt — R Houghton, K Richardson, A Townsend, A Daley (sub: U Ehiogu, 84min) — D Saunders, D Atkinson (sub: D Yorke, 45) Referee: B Hill.

SIXTH ROUND

Bolton Wanderers v Oldham Athletic
Chelsea v Wolverhampton Wanderers or Ipswich Town
Manchester United v Bristol City or Charlton Athletic
West Ham United v Luton Town

Ties will be played on March 12, 13, 14

REPLAY DATES: Mar 2: Charlton v Bristol City; Ipswich v Wolves.

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England bar way to grand slam

Quinnell inspires Wales to end the years of yearning

Wales 24
France 15

By Gerald Davies

THE jubilation that enveloped Cardiff Arms Park at five minutes past four on Saturday afternoon, a mixture of euphoria at a wish fulfilled and of release of such pent-up emotion which had been agonisingly constrained in the *final* 15 *minutes*, reflected a nation suddenly remembering the sweetness of a dream.

If it could recollect past success — and the record and the hard facts are there as a reminder — these glorious events occurred so long ago that the delight of the response, the actual "feeling", had been half forgotten. Not for years had senses been *tickled with the rub of unfettered joy*.

On Saturday, they were. The revival mood, after the cruel years, seemed clear and real. However improbable it may still seem, Wales, who have to qualify for the World Cup, are going for the grand slam.

Wales had won against Scotland, of course, but this *was more in the nature of* easing the pain of their previous failure, against Canada in November. There was an element of thanksgiving at being delivered of a win. There would be no whitewash. They then returned from their success in Dublin, spared any agony when Eric Elwood suffered an aberration and missed a match-winning penalty for his team. Good fortune had played its part in Ireland. This time the wooden spoon could be forgotten. For Wales, the negatives, then, were out of the way. Yet, fingers had to remain crossed.

In both games there were indications, in terms of confidence and resolve, of authority in its infancy. And in both cases Wales had to suffer major offensives at critical times, when the outcome was in the balance. This was to prove the case against France, too. Only more so, in a final stage of heroic and tantalising rugby when Wales, having gone into an impressive 17-3 lead after two minutes of the second half, were left with a quarter of an hour to go to hang on desperately to a two-point lead.

A *win against* France, as Alan Davies, the Wales coach, said after the match in Ireland, was going to be "the treat" of the season. France, over the years, have proved themselves so consistently to be among the first rank in the world, that it was against them he wanted his team to be judged.

The game proved so good and thrilling that it prompted Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, to describe the encounter as "the magic of the five nations' championship". His forwards were expected to overwhelm the Welsh but that proved far from being the case. If France benefited at the back of the lineout, Llewellyn and Phil Davies were more than a match for Roumat and Merle. And the times France went for the heavy shove, Wales held. Not that this took too much out of Wales's front row as John Davies and Evans, the props, tackled their hearts out along with the rest of them. Garin Jenkins went further and stole a strike against the head. Not that any of this should suggest a defensive Welsh strategy. Apart from the final quarter, they gave a marvellous account of themselves in attack, too, even though little was seen of their threequarters.

Yet in the maelstrom of rapid and pulsating activity, one man — only yesterday but a boy — played such a game as is remembered in rugby's history. Among the gnarled and battle-worn veterans of the forwards, Scott Quinnell, a mere youth of 21, commanded that height where sport's great performances rest. February 19, 1994, belonged to him in the way April 19, 1967, belonged to Keith Jarrett when, aged 19, he scored 19 points against England.

From start to finish, at scrum or lineout, tackling or running, Quinnell's game was touched seamlessly with gold. Whatever he did was right.

After Neil Jenkins, who succeeded with five kicks out of seven, and Lacroix, who failed six times out of eight, had exchanged a penalty goal each, Quinnell came surging away from a lineout, fending off a tackle to his left then to his right. He sprinted 40 metres for the corner and, with one hand, firmly planted the ball for the score. Another penalty goal from Jenkins extended the lead by half-time, and early in the second half he kicked two more.

Then, an intriguing and seemingly inexorable reversal began to take place. From one of those prolonged mauls, which Wales had been avoiding all afternoon, Roumat played a captain's part to dive over for a try. With Penaud *and Lacroix beginning to find* tiny chinks in Wales's firm defence, Sella, from a lineout and a dummy scissors in midfield, tore through the arms of both Clement and Hall to score under the posts.

Only two points ahead, Wales stared at defeat. The French were crowing cockerels by now and playing fluently. For Wales, and their support, time stood still.

However, Quinnell had some more strokes to play. From a drop-out, he leapt high to snatch the ball and bring Wales out of defence and into the French half. One more French attack was mounted. Quinnell tackled one man. But the move went on. It was halted and the stray pass was collected by — who else? — Quinnell. His swift transfer to Walker gave the Olympic hurdler just the half yard he needed to sprint clear for 40 metres and to score in the corner. Inevitably, the way things are going for him, Jenkins converted brilliantly.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Quinnell, Walker. Conversion: N Jenkins. Penalty goals: N Jenkins (4). France: Tries: Roumat, Sella. Conversion: Lacroix. Penalty goal: Lacroix.

TEAMS

WALES: M A Rayer (Cardiff); S D Hill (Cardiff), M R Hall (Cardiff), A Clement (Swansea), N Walker (Cardiff); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R H StJ B Moon (Llanelli); R L Evans (Llanelli), G R Jenkins (Swansea), J D Davies (Neath), E W Lewis (Llanelli), P T Davies (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath, captain), M A Perego (Llanelli), L S Quinnell (Llanelli).

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); E N'Tamack (Toulouse), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Saint-André (Montferrand); A Penaud (Brive), F Galthie (Colomiers); L Armary (Lourdes), J-M Gonzales (Bayonne), P Gallart (Beziers), P Benetton (Agen), O Merle (Grenoble), O Roumat (Dax, captain), A Benazzi (Agen), M Cecillon (Bourgoin).

Referee: L McLachlan (New Zealand).



Quinnell outstrips the covering defenders in the course of his devastating try-scoring burst up the right wing in the first half

Revival thrives on slim profit margin



SIMON BARNES

In Cardiff

Score is notoriously unsatisfactory as measurement of performance. Score is the accountant's summary: soulless and bare, a poor and often innaccurate reflector of a day of sport. But it changes everything.

On Saturday, performance was shot through with ambiguity and ambivalance. But the figures said one thing only, and they left Wales euphoric and the French full of self-recrimination. It would have taken a feather on the opposite side of the scales to tip the beam the other way: a marginally different score and a totally different result. And it all came down to a matter utterly beyond Welsh control.

The score is a lying account of a comprehensive Welsh win: 24-15, first win against France for 12 years, and now a date in March to play England in an attempt to complete the grand slam at Twickenham. A season of cautious advance and slow improvement is suddenly a season of glory.

But victory, in accountancy terms, came from an area of play Wales could not touch — opposition goalkicking. For after a truly glorious first half, Wales were put under pressure. It was the real test of a team, the real test of any talk of a Welsh revival. And they buckled. No doubt about it.

The French roared back into the match with two tries. The hard fact of the matter is that an on-form goalkicker would have nudged the score the other way, but it was Lacroix's turn for rugby's dreaded afternoon of *cauchemar*. He missed seven out of nine.

Wales "deserved to win"; that was the the general verdict afterwards, echoed by the French captain, Roumat. I am never quite sure what the expression means, but certainly it is a recognition that the score is not always an accurate reflection of events.

If Wales deserved to win, it was because, having buckled, they changed the meaning of the word and buckled down to it. Their defence in the last 20 minutes was heroic. A late, cheap try when the French were playing catch-up gave the scoreline a cheery but lying twist in Welsh favour.

The figures were decisive, the second-half was desperate, but the first half was glorious. It is not often in rugby union that one man steals the show, let alone a forward, but it was Scott Quinnell's afternoon.

He had power and athleticism and all that, but you take these things for granted in an international No 8. What he showed on Saturday was an uncanny affinity for the ball. It was as if the ball had a mad schoolgirl crush on him; forever swooning at his feet or leaping into his arms. It seemed beyond all logic.

I last saw such a phenomenon in basketball, and a similarly uncanny performance from "Sir" Charles Barkley in the National Basketball Association championship finals in Chicago.

Give Barkley a loose ball, surround him with as many defenders as you like, and he will come teeth bared and ball in hand. He once went so far as to intellectualise his technique: "I call it Get-The-Damn-Ball."

Again and again on Saturday, Quinnell got the damn ball. He scored a gorgeous galloping try, just about every penalty was set up by a Quinnell break, and right at the end, it was Quinnell's steal that gave Walker his try. The ball loved him to the end.

You could not call this a victory without poetry, for poetry is not dependent on prettiness. But it was a victory without lyricism, without flowing play, winged feet and sleight of hand.

It was a victory for the poetry of get-the-damn-ball. It was built around a stand-off half with the grace of a weight-lifter and a No 8 who galloped through clinging tacklers like a mad horse pulling a hansom cab. And it was splendid stuff.

The score lies, for this was the narrowest possible thing, but its meaning is no lie at all. It means that Wales are not seeking comfort in a solid performance against superior opposition: they are rejoicing in victory and they will be "busting a gut to get out there at Twickenham", Alan Davies, the coach, said. "A thin dividing line," he said. "But it's all about confidence."

That too is something no accountancy can measure. All the same, in a month's time, the figures will be in. They might well add up to grand slam. This morning, you would hardly bet on England to stop them.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: AAA indoor championships: Men: 60m: 1, M Rosswess (Birchfield) 6.56sec. 2, L Christie (Thames Valley) 6.56. 3, C Jackson (Brecon) 6.57. 200m: 1, P Goedluck (Belgrave) 21.16. 2, D Braithwaite (Haringey) 21.17. 3, G Moen (Nor) 21.26. 400m: 1, D Ladejo (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 46.54; 2, J Baulch (Cardiff) 46.75. 3, I Thomas (Newham and Essex Beagles) 47.25. 800m: 1, T McKean (Motherwell) 1min 48.46sec. 2, M Steele (Longwood) 1:48.59; 3, C Winrow (Wigan) 1:48.72. 1,500m: 1, A Boru (Ken) 3:42.25. 2, I Campbell (Haringey) 3:43.05. 3, T West (Morpeth) 3:44.86. 3,000m: 1, M Barnes (Borough of Enfield) 7:56.08. 2, M Buchleitner (Swe) 7:56.27. 3, R Denmark (Basildon) 7:56.60. 60m hurdles: 1, H Teape (Borough of Enfield) 7.73sec. 2, T Kearns (Ire) 7.77. 3, N Owen (Belgrave) 7.86. High jump: 1, B Reilly (Corby) 2.28m. 2, P Williamson (Grimsby) 2.22. 3, G Parsons (Blue Circle) 2.22. Pole vault: 1, P Widen (Swe) 5.45; 2, M Vossly (Den) 5.30. Long jump: 1, M Sunneborn (Swe) 7.50. 2, P Odlin (Swe) 7.41. 3, F Salle (Belgrave) 7.39. Triple jump: 1, F Agyepong (Shaftesbury Barnet) 16.55. 2, O Achike (Crawley) 15.65. 3, L Hedman (Swe) 15.61.

Women: 60m: 1, B Kinch (Borough of Hounslow) 7.35sec. 2, M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 7.39. 3, C Court (Birchfield) 7.47. 200m: 1, M Staalgard (Swe) 23.78. 2, Richardson 23.94. 3, A Mayfield (Notts) 24.41. 400m: 1, T Goddard (Basingstoke) 54.05. 2, P Richards (Birchfield) 55.86. 3, C Raven (Loughborough) 56.08. 800m: 1, K Wade (Blaydon) 2min 05.60sec. 2, S Bowyer (Loughborough) 2:05.97; 3, I Lindstedt (Swe) 2:06.50. 1,500m: 1, L Gibson (Oxford City) 4:17.01. 2, A Davies (Basingstoke) 4:20.90. 3, S Griffiths (Cramlington) 4:23.75. 3,000m: 1, E Konig (Austria) 9:25.58. 2, J Briggs (Crawley) 9:30.15; 3, S Bentley (City of Stoke) 9:37.17. 60m hurdles: 1, S Farquharson (Cardiff) 8.19sec. 2, M Greistad (Nor) 8.23. 3, L-A Skeete (Trafford) 8.39. High jump: 1, H Haugland (Nor) 1.94m. 2, J Bennett (Epsom) 1.85, equal 3, K Mason (Sale), J Jennings (Essex) and S Foley (Ulford). 1.80. Pole vault: 1, K Staples (Essex) 3.46. 2, L Stanton (Rotherham) 3.20. 3, R Clarke (Ipswich) 3.20. Triple jump: 1, R Kirby (Borough of Hounslow) 13.21. 2, K Predikaka (Slov) 12.85. 3, C Henry (Shaftesbury) 12.82.

CHIBA, Japan, International cross country meeting: Men: 1, G Thys (SA) 35min 35sec. 2, A Abrehm (Eth) 35:35. 3, A Quintanilla (Mex) 35:40. 11, J Brown (GB). 36:34. Women: 1, N Galiamova (Russ) 19:25. 2, Li Wei (China) 19:36. 3, O Bondarenko (Russ) 19:37.

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: Thomas Cup: Group A: Wales 3 Ireland 2 (Wales names first: J Leung lost to M Watt 5-15 8-15. G Lewis bt B Topping 17-16 15-6. C Rees bt J Colfor 15-12 15-4. P Hybart and R Vaughan lost to B Topping and M Topping 12-15 3-15. Rees and D Tonks bt M O'Meara and M Peard 15-9 15-6). Group D: Austria 5 Cyprus 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Dallas 96 Detroit 105. Houston 106 Phoenix 88. San Antonio 100 Miami 96. Utah 100 LA Clippers 93; Golden State 101 Boston 90.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 93 Birmingham 85. Thames Valley 90 Worthing 73, Hemel 102 Oldham 98.

BOWLS

BEDFORD: EIBA inter-club championship: Semi-finals: City of Ely 72, Cambridge Park 70. Stanley 95 Teignbridge 61. Final: City of Ely 80, Stanley 79 (Ely skips first: A Easy 27, J Leeman 17, T Lowe 21, J Thurbeck 25, R Harlow 10, C Palmer 21, G Harlow 22, G Oughton 16).

YETTON TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Boston 87 Swinton 71. Stevenage 79 Essex County 73. Rugby Thornfield 91 Egham 86. Banister Park 88 Eroma 73.

BOXING

JOHANNESBURG: IBF super-bantamweight championship: Kennedy McKinney (US) ko Jose Rincones (Ven) 5th rnd.

MADRID: European light-middleweight championship: Javier Castillejo (Sp) bt Santo Colombo (It) rsc 2nd rnd.

INGLEWOOD, California: WBC and IBF light-flyweight championships: H Gonzalez (Mex) bt M Carbajal (US, holder) pts.

CRESTA RUN

CARTIER CHALLENGE TROPHY: Second day: 1, C Bortschinger (Switz) 4min 43.82sec. 2, F Gansser (Switz) 4.46.08. 3, C Corsten (Ger) 4.46.77. 4, C Tesdorpf (Ger) 4.49.21. 5, M Pitsch (Switz) 4.49.38. 6, R Kuhn (Switz) 4.55.20. British: 12, M Adams.

CRICKET

NAIROBI: International Cricket Council Trophy: United States 145 (P Singh 69); Bangladesh 147-7. Bangladesh won by 3 wkts. Argentina 179, East and Central Africa 143. Argentina won by 36 runs. Fiji 84, Bermuda 85-1. Bermuda won by 9 wkts. Hong Kong 352-8 (S Brew 124, S Atkinson 65, P Fordham 58), West Africa 108. Hong Kong won by 244 runs.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Tasmania 444-9 dec and 213-2 dec. Victoria 331 and 236-9 (B Hodge 72). Match drawn.

JALANDHAR, India: One day international: India 213-9 (50 overs), Sri Lanka 141-6 in 32.5 overs. Sri Lanka won by 4 wkts. India won series 2-1.

JOHANNESBURG: One-day international: South Africa 232-3 (H Cronje 112), Australia 227-5. South Africa won by 5 runs.

PRETORIA: One-day international: South Africa 265 (H Cronje 97), Australia 209 (S R Waugh 86). South Africa won by 56 runs.

WELLINGTON: Second Test: Pakistan beat New Zealand by an innings and 12 runs.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 175 (Wasim Akram 4-60)

Second Innings

B A Pocock b Waqar	0
B A Young lbw b Akram	4
A H Jones b Akram	76
*K R Rutherford c Raza b Rehman	63
M J Greatbatch c Latif b Akram	10
S A Thomson c Rehman b Akram	47
†T E Blain c Basit b Akram	78
M Hart b Akram	7
S B Doull c Malik b Akram	15
D K Morrison lbw b Waqar	42
R P de Groen not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 12)	18
Total	361

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-6, 3-120, 4-145, 5-209, 6-216, 7-244, 8-276, 9-350.

BOWLING: Akram 37-7-119-7, Waqar 25.2-4-111-2; Rehman 18-1-86-1, Sohail 1-0-1-0, Raza 12-4-25-0, Malik 2-0-13-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar run out	169
Aamir Sohail lbw b Morrison	2
Akram Raza c Blain b Morrison	0
Basit Ali b Thomson	85
*Salim Malik c and b Hart	140
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out	135
Extras (5 b, 6 lb, 6 nb)	17
Total (5 wkts dec)	548

Asif Mujtaba, †Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis and Ata-ur-Rehman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-36, 3-233, 4-290, 5-548.

BOWLING: Morrison 31-4-139-2, de Groen 31-8-104-0, Doull 27-5-112-0, Hart 31.2-2-9-102-1, Thomson 17-3-80-1.

FOOTBALL

GERMANY: Schalke 2 Borussia Moenchengladbach 1; Freiburg 2 Cologne 4, Bayer Leverkusen 1 Hamburg 2; Leipzig 1 Bayern Munich 3, Nuremberg 0 Kaiserslautern 2; Karlsruhe 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Duisburg 1 Werder Bremen 0, Dynamo Dresden 3 Borussia Dortmund 0. VfB Stuttgart 3 Wattenscheid 0.

SPAIN: Real Madrid 1 Atletico Madrid 0. Barcelona 8 Osasuna 1.

SCHOOLS: English Adidas Trophy: Merseyside 2 Greater Manchester 4. Welsh Yeoman Shield, semi-final: Wolverhampton 2 Flint 2. Southern League: Reading 4 Bristol 1, Vale of White Horse 0 Havant 5, Southampton 2 Aldershot 0.

Late results on Friday

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Swansea City 2, Barnet 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Colombia 0 Sweden 0 (in Miami).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich 0 Watford 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Cwmbran 0 Haverfordwest 3; Briton Ferry 0 Ton Pentre 1, Porthmadog 0 Conwy 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle T 0 Eastwood H 0.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Wroxham 0 Watton 2.

GOLF

INDIAN WELLS, California: Bob Hope Classic, fourth round (US unless stated): 264: S Hoch 66, 62, 70, 66. 268: W Glasson 70, 66, 66, 66. J Huston 66, 68, 66, 68. 269: J Gallagher 66, 67, 74, 62; K Clearwater 67, 64, 70, 68; L Clements 67, 69, 61, 72; B Lietzke 68, 69, 65, 67. 270: P Stankowski 67, 66, 69, 68. G Boros 66, 67, 68, 69. 271: F Zoeller 70, 67, 66, 68; M Allen 66, 68, 70, 67; G Day 67, 67, 68, 69. 272: P Gamez 72, 67, 68, 65; R Estes 66, 69, 70, 67. 273: J Delsing 65, 63, 66, 73; B Glider 69, 69, 66, 69; F Funk 66, 70, 68, 69. 274: H Sutton 63, 70, 72, 69; B Fleisher 68, 70, 66, 70; J Cook 66, 72, 68, 66. 275: P Stewart 67, 69, 71, 68; J Cook 68, 72, 68, 67; A Magee 67, 67, 71, 70; J Sluman 72, 70, 64, 69. 276: T Dodds (Nam) 67, 70, 70, 69; C Rocca (It) 69, 71, 67, 69. 277: J Woodland (Aus) 68, 67, 71, 71. 278: K Murota (Japan) 69, 71, 71, 67.

EWA BEACH, Hawaiian women's Open, final round (US unless stated): 209: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 68, 70, 71. 210: J Geddes 69, 70, 71. 212: V Fergon 69, 74, 69; T Kerdyk 70, 71, 71; V Skinner 67, 71, 74. 213: S Steinhauer 71, 73, 69; J Pitcock 72, 71, 70; J Lidback (Swe) 71, 72, 70; B Daniel 72, 70, 71; M Morris 71, 71, 71; Y Moriguchi (Japan) 71, 70, 72; M Spencer-Devlin 69, 73, 72; K Marshall (GB) 71, 69, 73; N Foust 68, 71, 74. 214: D Mochrie 72, 74, 68; L Merten 74, 71, 69; M McGann 72, 73, 69; K Monaghan 72, 72, 70; S Little (SA) 69, 73, 72; L Neumann (Swe) 68, 74, 72.

MELBOURNE: Australian Masters (Australian unless stated): 282: C Parry 74, 70, 70, 68. 285: E Els (SA) 70, 70, 72, 73. 286: P Senior 73, 71, 74, 68; P Teravaine (US) 71, 70, 75, 70. 287: W Smith 71, 74, 72, 70. 288: R Willis 74, 72, 73, 69; L Parsons 74, 71, 71, 72; M Harwood 69, 76, 71, 72; W Grady 66, 75, 72, 73. British: 294: I Pyman 74, 75, 74, 71.

MANILA: Philippine Open, final round: 280: C Franco (Paraguay) 72, 69, 68, 71 (won play-off at the first extra hole), Choi Sang-ho (S Kor) 70, 68, 68, 74. 284: C Montgomerie (GB) 72, 72, 70, 70. 286: A Cruse (SA) 74, 73, 73, 66. 288: A Meeks (US) 76, 66, 72, 72; T Hamilton (US) 71, 71, 73, 73; M Cunning (US) 67, 71, 77, 73. 289: P Marksaeng (Thai) 75, 73, 73, 68; S Talbot (Can) 73, 69, 75, 72; M Schrene (US) 72, 71, 73, 73; R Frates (Paraguay) 72, 72, 70, 75; J Rutledge (Can) 69, 70, 74, 76.

GYMNASTICS

LIVERPOOL: British team championships: Adam Shield (seniors): 1, City of Liverpool G C 209.50. 2, Central Manchester Institute of Gym 208.70. 3, North Staffs G C 197.80. Continental Cup (under-18s): 1, Manchester 205.45. 2, North Staffs 204.50. 3, Sutton, Surrey 187.25. Williams Trophy (under 14s): 1, Manchester A 202.90. 2, Hinckley 192.00. 3, Manchester B 185.15.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Saturday: Canterbury 1 Havant 4, Southgate 0 Old Loughtonians 0, Walton 1 Bromley 0. Yesterday: Bromley 0 Bournville 2, Cannock 3 Southgate 2, Canterbury 0 Trojans 1; Havant 1 Reading 0, Hounslow 3 Teddington 0. Old Loughtonians 4 Indian Gymkhana 0, Stourport 0 Firebrands 0, Welton 2 St Albans 0. Second division: Yesterday: Brooklands 2 Barford 1, Cambridge 0 Warrington 0, Cheltenham 2 Beeston 2, Edgbaston 2 Isca 1; Guildford 5 Harleston 3, Harborne 3 Gloucester 0, Oxford Univ 5 Doncaster 0, Richmond 2 Surbiton 2; Sheffield 2 Neston 2.

NASTRO AZZURRO SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: City of Portsmouth 0 Hampstead/Westminster 3, Dulwich 1, Anchorians 5, Fareham 0 Gore Court 0; Hendon 1; Tulse Hill 2, Lyons 1 High Wycombe 0; Maidenhead 2 Spencer 0; Old Walcourtians 4 Chichester 2, Oxford Hawks 0 Old Kingstonians 2, Winchester 0 Staines 0; Mid-Sussex 2 Wimbledon 0. Regionals: Hampshire and Surrey: Barnes 0 Woking 4, Bournemouth 1 Weybridge Hawks 1; Camberley 1 Epsom 2, Cheam 3 Old Mid Whitgiftians 4, London University 2 Old Tauntonians 4, Merton 0 Basingstoke 4; Old Edwardians 2 Old Whitgiftians 2; Purley 3 Fleet 0, Petersfield 0 Barclays Bank 0. Kent and Sussex: Beckenham 2 Brighton 1; Bognor 2 Bexleyheath 0; Horsham 0 Old Bordenians 1; Lewes 4 Lloyds Bank 3; Old Holcombeans 0 Marden Russets 3; Old Williamsonians 3 Eastbourne 0; Sevenoaks 0 Herne Bay 0; Tonbridge 1 Crawley 3; Tunbridge Wells 0 Blackheath 0; Worthing 1 Gravesend 1. Middx, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Amersham 2 Bracknell 1; Ashford 2 Marlow 1, Aylesbury 0 Eastcote 3; Morris *Motors 1 Milton Keynes 3; NPL 3 Mill Hill 1*; OMT 0 Hayes 3; Ramgarhia 0 HCC 1, Richings Park 7 Harrow 1; Sunbury 2 Gerrards Cross 1; Wokingham 1 City of Oxford 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Bishops Stortford 1 Cambridge Univ 0; Bury St Edmunds 0 Ipswich 3; Crostyx 2 Redbridge/Ilford 0, Dereham 0 Peterborough 2, Luton 0 Bluehearts 6; Norwich 0 Colchester 1, Old Southendian 3 Welwyn GC 1; Pelicans 0 Chelmsford 2; Stevenage 3 Westcliff 0.

SUNLIFE WEST LEAGUE: Bath Buccs 6 Swansea 1, Plymouth 5 Brean 1; Taunton 1 Westbury 1, Whitchurch 2 Hereford 0.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Alderley Edge 0 Norton 1; Formby 1 *Ben Rhydding 1*; Hightown-Northern 3 Timperley 2, Southport 3 Blackburn 3.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLAND LEAGUE: Belper 0 Lichfield 4; Coventry and NW 0 Khalsa 1; Finchfield 0 Hampton in Arden 0; Leicester Westleigh 0 Olton and WW 3, Worcester Norton 0 Bloxwich 4.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 1 Ealing 1; Chelmsford 0 Slough 3; Ipswich 4 Clifton 0. First division: Bracknell 2 Bradford Swithenbank 0; Doncaster 1 Bluoharts 1; Exmouth 1 Pickwick 2, Wimbledon 1 Trojans 2. Second division: Canterbury 1 Olton 0. Gt Harwood 1 Colwall 1; Sherwood 0 Sunderland Bedans 0; Woking 2 Harleston Magpies 3.

REGIONAL LEAGUES: North: Chester 3 Newcastle 1; Ormskirk Ford 1 Poynton 1; Springfields 3 Liverpool 4. York 3 Carlisle 1. West: Cheltenham 2 Bournemouth 1, Leominster 2 Yate 0; Clifton II 1 Gloucester 2; East Glocs 1 Redland 4, Exeter II 0 St Austell 4; Swindon 1 Wimborne 0, WSM 0 Exeter 0.

RUSSELSHEIM, Germany: European women's indoor club championship: Pool A: Berliner HC 18 Taurus (Lith) 0; Edinburgh Ladies 2 Randalstown (Ire) 0. Pool B: Russelsheim 13 SC Amiens 0; Hightown 3 Groningen 3. Fifth-eight place: SC Amiens 9 Randalstown 2. Groningen 2 Tauras 2 (Tauras won 2-1 after penalties). Semi-finals: Berliner HC 11 Hightown 1; Russelsheim 11 Edinburgh Ladies 2.

COLOGNE: European men's indoor club championship: Group A: Valdeluz, Madrid 3 Montrouge, Paris 0; Rot-Weiss, Cologne 10 Menzieshill, Dundee 3; Valdeluz 14 Menzieshill 6; Rot-Weiss 12 Montrouge 3. Group B: Wiener AC 6 White Star, Brussels 4; East Grinstead 4 WKS Grunwald, Poznan 6; WAC 11 Grunwald 9; East Grinstead 6 White Star 7.

BEDFORD: English women's territorial tournaments: Under-18: Midlands 1 North 1; East 2 West 3; Midlands 1 South 1. Under-16: East 4 West 3; North 3 South 3; Midlands 4 East 0.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA TROPHY: Second-round replays: Macclesfield v Worcester (7.45); Enfield v Worthing, Billingham Synthonia v Kettering.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Knowsley Utd. First division: Caernarfon Town v Gretna. Challenge Cup: Third-round replay: Ashton Utd v Accrington Stanley. First division Cup replay: Guiseley v Lancaster City.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Mansfield v Burnley (7.0), Preston v Manchester City; Tranmere v Scunthorpe.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Bristol City; Chelsea v Charlton (at Kingstonian, 7.0); Millwall v Luton (at Dulwich Hamlet, 2.0). Second division: Yeovil v Torquay (7.45).

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Purfleet v Whyteleafe.

FA YOUTH CUP: Arsenal v Stoke City.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: World indoor championships (Preston Guildhall).

SQUASH: Leekes Classic (Cardiff).

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH ASSOCIATION: Premier division: Basingstoke 11 Peterborough Pirates 6; Fife Flyers 12 Cardiff Devils 2; Nottingham Panthers 9 Murrayfield Racers 5; Sheffield Steelers 8 Durham Wasps 5; Billingham Bombers 4 Whitley Warriors 8. First division: Dumfries 6 Chelmsford Chieftans 7; Blackburn Blackhawks 7 Trafford Metros 5; Oxford Stars 3 Paisley Pirates 11; Slough Jets 9 Medway Bears 2; Swindon Wildcats 5 Milton Keynes Kings 12; Telford Tigers 12 Streatham Redskins 6.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, *London*: Combined Services championships: Singles: Semi-finals: Lt Col D Reed-Felstead bt Capt J Illingworth 15-7, 15-8, 15-10; Capt S Seagrave bt Capt A Gordon 15-9, 15-7, 17-14. Doubles: Semi-finals: B Aitken and R Crosby bt Capt J Illingworth and Major Gen T Toyne-Sewell 7-15, 15-7, 15-8, 15-1; D Panton and M Nicholls bt Capt P Thomson and J Edwards 17-14, 15-12, 15-6. Regimental doubles: Semi-finals: RHG/D (Col J Smith-Bingham and Lt Col D Reed-Felstead) bt RAC (Brigadier Wright and Capt J Wheeler) 15-9, 15-7, 15-5, AAC (Illingworth and Gordon) bt KOSB (Toyne-Sewell and Thomson) 15-6, 15-2, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Combined Services Championships: Singles, semi-finals: Lt Col D Reed-Felstead bt Capt J Wheeler 12-3; Lt B Aitken bt Capt A Gordon 12-5. Regimental doubles: semi-finals: RHG/D (Lt Col D Reed-Felstead and Capt J Wheeler) bt RA (Major Gen M Tennant and Capt M Norton) 12-7; AAC (Capt A Gordon and Capt J Illingworth) bt RLC (Lt Col B Aitken and Capt M Shepherd) 12-10. Combined Services doubles, semi-finals: Mason and English bt Nicholls and Wright 11-9; Disley and McMurugh bt Reed-Felstead and Wheeler 14-6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Blackpool 20 Nottingham City 29; St Helens 27 Featherstone 18, Wigan 34 Salford 12; Bradford 54 Hull K R 8, Oldham 22 Widnes 12; Castleford 70 Leigh 6. Second division: Swinton 38 Carlisle 6; Highfield 6 Bramley 28, Keighley 30 Hunslet 10; Dewsbury 16 London Crusaders 30; Wakefield 11 Sheffield 23; Huddersfield 20 Barrow 17.

JJB SPORTS ACADEMY CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Workington Town 28 Greenhead College, Huddersfield 0.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England Students 23 Ireland Students 9; Wales *Students 18 France Students 6*; Wales Under-18 24 France Under-18 11.

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Sale 28 London Scottish 12. Third division: Havant 36 Redruth 19; Bedford 18 Exeter 14. Fourth division: Leeds 11 Broughton Park 8; Sheffield 13 Liverpool St Helens 28. Fifth division: Durham 27 Nuneaton 11. Fifth division, north: Durham 27 Nuneaton 11.

CLUB MATCHES: Berry Hill 45 Stroud 3; Fylde 8 Orrell 5; Harlequins 79 West London Inst 10; Llanharan 12 London Welsh 18; Richmond 39 Moseley 15, Vale of Lune 20 Cambridge University 27; Waterloo 20 Morley 17. Abertillery 15 Blaina 5; Leicester 62 Otley 27; Newbridge 30 Maesteg 5, *Aberavon 29 South Wales Police 5; Bath 6* Pontypool 15; Bristol 32 Cardiff 12; Coventry 29 Nottingham 9; Askeans 3 Blackheath 23; Wasps 34 Dublin Wanderers 11; Penarth 86 St Simon (Fr) 0; Clifton 20 Lydney 7; Narberth 22 Carmarthen 15; Cheltenham 35 Metropolitan Police 3; Rosslyn Park 24 Old Wesley 12; Beckenham 19 Sutton and Epsom 23; Southend 8 Saracens 34; London Irish 46 Garryowen 15.

MCEWAN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Haddington 5 Edinburgh Wanderers 7.

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH: International Open: Semi-final: J Wattana (Thai) bt A McManus (Scot) 6-3; J Parrott (Eng) bt J White (Eng) 6-4. Final: J Parrott (Eng) bt J Wattana (Thai) 9-5. Frame scores (Parrott first): 18-78, 63-52, 0-70, 126-6, 8-73, 45-64, 81-0, 54-48, 20-62, 57-21, 66-23, 84-21, 129-0, 60-11.

TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Courier (US) bt A Chesnokov (Rus) 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt J Stark (US), 6-2, 6-3; J Yzaga (Peru) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt J Grabb (US), 7-6, 5-7, 6-3. Semi-finals: Chang bt Courier 7-6, 6-2; Haarhuis bt Yzaga 6-3, 6-3.

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Final: S Edberg (Swe) bt G Ivanisevic (Croatia) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

PARIS: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: K Maleeva (Bul) bt L Courtois (Bel) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; J Halard (Fr) bt W Probst (Ger) 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; L Meskhi (Geo) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-0, 6-1; M Navratilova (US) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: J Halard (Fr) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt L Meskhi (Geo) 6-1, 6-3. Final: Navratilova bt Halard 7-5, 6-3.

NEWCASTLE: LTA women's challenger: Semi-finals: L Niemantsverdriet (Holl) bt K Cross (GB) 7-6, 6-1, M Maruska (Austria) bt M Seibold (Ger) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

BRAMHALL: LTA men's satellite: Quarter-finals: F Cousin (Fr) bt B Gyetko (Can) 7-5, 7-6; M Barnard (SA) bt S Herdoiza (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; L Manta (Switz) bt A Beust (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; T Henman (GB) bt J Knowle (Austria) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: Second round: S Cacic (US) bt L McNeil (US) 6-4, 6-2; B Schultz (Holl) bt J Steven (US) 6-4, 6-2; K Adams (US) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Quarter-finals: A Frazier (US) bt P Fendick (US) 6-4, 6-1, M McGrath (US) bt H Kelesi (Can) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Semi-finals: B Schultz (Holl) bt Z Garrison Jackson (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

LIVERPOOL: European junior winter cup: Qualifying round: Great Britain bt Ukraine 2-1 (GB names first): J Cunliffe lost to A Ponomarenko 7-5, 2-6, 0-6; R Hutchins bt G Komarova 6-2, 6-1, C Aldridge and Hutchins bt V Kaminska and Ponomarenko 6-2, 6-0.

PEKING: Women's tournament: Final: Y Basuki (Indo) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 6-4, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH PLATE: Semi-finals: Men: Hutcheon Bon Accord 2 Su Ragazzi II 3 (7-15, 15-11, 15-2, 5-15, 10-15). Grange 0 DV '81 3 (3-15, 6-15, 10-15). Women: Paisley 3 Jets II 0 (15-7, 15-8, 15-12).

NETBALL

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION LEAGUE: England v Northern Ireland (in Accrington): Seniors: England 80 Northern Ireland 34. Under-21s: England 67 Northern Ireland 13.

SNOW REPORTS

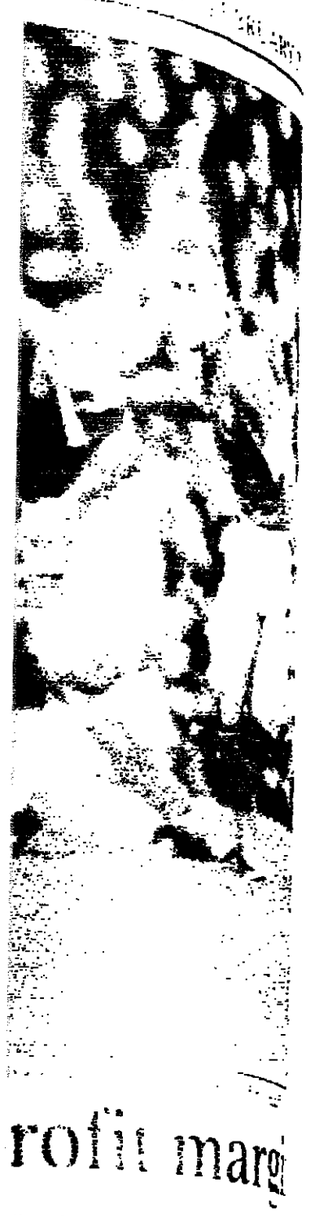
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Soldeu	130	215	good	varied	good	snow	2	20/2
Heavy snowfalls and poor visibility								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	60	160	good	powder	good	fair	4	18/2
Excellent skiing on powdery snow								
Mayrhofen	70	95	good	crusty		fair	2	17/2
Good skiing available on all pistes								
Obergurgl	105	155	good	varied	good	snow	1	20/2
Generally good though patchy in places								
Schladming	50	150	fair	heavy	icy	cloud	2	18/2
Still good snow cover but pistes fair								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	140	240	good	powder	good	snow	6	20/2
Wonderful snow for the powder hounds								
Chamonix	45	345	good	powder	fair	snow	0	20/2
Recent snowfall providing good, soft snow								
Tignes	133	275	good	varied	good	snow	8	20/2
Light snow fall, poor visibility								
Val Thorens	140	300	good	varied	good	snow	0	20/2
New snow falling, excellent skiing								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	100	120	good	varied	good	cloud	6	17/2
Very good piste skiing, flat light								
C Montana	40	150	hard	varied	hard	snow	2	20/2
Some fresh snow, hard packed pistes								
Klosters	75	195	good	varied	good	cloud	3	17/2
Excellent skiing continues but visibility poor								
Mürren	70	160	good	varied	good	snow	0	20/2
Good skiing on all slopes								
Zermatt	65	230	good	varied	fair	cloud	2	10/2
Snow still excellent in many areas								
UNITED STATES								
Mammoth	210	270	powder	powder	good	cloud	3	19/2
Huge quantities of fresh snow								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Ireland wing claims only try to secure Twickenham triumph

Geoghegan exposes England's failings

England 12
Ireland 13

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHO would have dared suggest, three months ago, when France were beating Australia, England were downing New Zealand and Wales were losing to Canada, that the five nations' championship would stand as it does today? Yet again, this addictive mixture of mediocrity and magnificence has written another significant chapter in the history of rugby union.

The magnificence was in Cardiff, where the teams might have been playing under a different set of laws, such was the contrast with Twickenham on Saturday. The mediocrity was thoroughly rooted in an England side which appears to have forgotten how to play. The genuine pleasure was for an Irish side that suffers the slings and arrows so frequently yet could still come back for so heartwarming a win in the Save and Prosper international by a goal and two penalty goals to four penalty goals.

Make, if you will, something of a transparently incorrect decision by Patrick Thomas, the referee, when he penalised Andrew in open play rather than Geoghegan, allowing Elwood to kick what turned out to be the winning penalty. Yet England, by the paucity of their running play, did not deserve to win, while Ireland, for the splendour of their try and the tenacity of their unified back row, made up for the long-suffering years since their previous Twickenham success, in 1982.

Noel Murphy, the Ireland team manager, put a finger instantly on England's dilemma: "They played to the pattern we expected: it has been an obvious pattern for some time now."

Defeat is no disgrace, not to an Ireland side organised to make the most of its ability; but the manner of England's defeat asks questions both of players and coaching staff. How ironic that, having produced a generation of young athletes, so few of them seem to understand how best to go about winning a game.

Bradley, the Ireland captain who was making his last appearance at Twickenham, does. He may not be the best scrum half in the world, but he has a tactical brain and he knows where to play the game. Complemented by Elwood, whose kicking pinned England into the corners, Ireland had a dynamo to generate them.

England had nothing. Though they deny it, they have fallen into the trap of looking too far ahead, to the 1995 World Cup. The win by a single point at Murrayfield should have been a reminder, but clearly was not. Having made the transition from old to new against the All Blacks last November with such apparent facility, the seamless garment is now unravelling under the stress of the championship.

On Saturday, England cried out for two absentees, Richards and Barnes. The one to bring an instinctive understanding, the other to take the ball in hand and run with it, to carry the initiative to Ireland. As the game unfurled, in conditions perfect for running, the more it seemed made for the Bath stand-off half.

Statistics seldom tell the full story, but on Saturday they did, in the number of scrums awarded to Ireland and the possession won at rucks and mauls. They told a tale of English mistakes, of incoherence arising from limited experience and a dogged adherence to moves played well behind the gain line.

Not that Ireland's plan was laid out on a broad canvas, but they did recognise opportunity. Throughout the match, Elwood pushed them into the right-hand corner and, from that position, they scored their try just before the interval. It was a move, Geoghegan said, that his club, London Irish, has used, bringing full back and centre on dummy runs while introducing the blindside wing. It worked to perfection, confusing Tony Underwood and leaving Callard with little chance of stopping the galloping Geoghegan.

Yet the game was always there for the winning. Dick Best, the England coach, complained at the lack of good lineout ball. He may find, after studying the video, that his players secured lineout ball on a ratio of two to one and of better quality — particularly from Johnson and Rodber — than at Murrayfield.

O'Shea stood out as a potential target from the moment he was caught under a high ball and Back and Rodber drove to within ten metres, but he was seldom tested thereafter. Penalties and free kicks showered down on England, but this time Callard could kick only four of his eight attempts at goal while Elwood, with no more than four, missed only the first, from near halfway.

England's limitations even drew a slow handclap. "You have to win at international level to earn respect, and we have proved now we are competitive," Murphy said. "That's important for the players and for those who support Irish rugby." England's new-look team must shake off the mantle of those who preceded them and earn that respect for themselves.

SCORERS: England: Penalty goals: Callard (4). Ireland: Try: Geoghegan. Conversion: Elwood. Penalty goals: Elwood (2).
ENGLAND: J E B Callard (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), P R de Glanville (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); C R Andrew (Wasps), K P P Bracken (Bristol); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), N A Back (Leicester), S O Ojomoh (Bath).
IRELAND: C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne); R M Wallace (Garryowen), M J Field (Malone), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), B F Robinson (Ballymena), M J Galwey (Shannon), N P J Francis (Old Belvedere), W D McBride (Malone), P S Johns (Dungannon). K D O'Connell (Sunday's Well) temporary replacement for Robinson (55-57min).
Referee: P Thomas (France).



Geoghegan glides round Tony Underwood to score Ireland's try at Twickenham. Photograph: Richard Sellers

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	3	0	0	70	39	6
France	2	1	0	1	50	39	2
England	2	1	0	1	27	27	2
Ireland	3	1	0	2	43	64	2
Scotland	2	0	0	2	20	44	0

RESULTS: January 15: France 35 Ireland 15; Wales 29 Scotland 6. February 5: Ireland 15 Wales 17; Scotland 14 England 15. February 19: England 12 Ireland 13; Wales 24 France 15.

REMAINING FIXTURES: March 5: France v England; Ireland v Scotland. March 19: England v Wales; Scotland v France.

Three wise men brave inquisition

John Hopkins sees England's management struggle to explain defeat at Twickenham

The room is no more than six paces wide and set deep beneath Twickenham's west stand. The site of the after-match press conferences, the room represents a victory podium for some, a scaffold for others. It can be a pulpit from which to exult in victory — as it had last November when England had just vanquished New Zealand — or it can be a cockpit, a room in which the tension can be cut with a knife — as it was for Geoff Cooke, the manager, Will Carling, the captain, and Dick Best, the England coach on Saturday.

Cooke led his men in and took his seat on a dais behind a table on which were 14 tape recorders. Fixed to the wall above his head was an England rose. He was followed by Carling, who sat in the middle, and Best, who sat beneath a no smoking sign. One sensed that this windowless room held as much appeal for the three of them as Room 101 did for Winston Smith in Orwell's *1984*.

They had to try and account for one of the most disappointing English performances for years. While Irishmen danced noisily around on the terraces outside and one Irishman kissed the turf where Geoghegan had scored, England's trio tried to explain why their team had looked so bereft of ideas, so rigid in their thinking and so prone to errors.

There must be changes over and above those caused by the return of Dean Richards and Ben Clarke. Rob Andrew is slow in getting his line moving. Tony Underwood looks out of form. Furthermore, what is happening at half back? There are two natural partnerships in England's squad. The first is the passing and running type of Bracken and Barnes. The second is the sniping, ninth forward type of scrum half personified by Dewi Morris, accompanied by a kicking stand-off such as Andrew. Pick one player of each type and the result is clear: a compromise, a creaking hinge between forwards and backs.

Cooke was edgy from the moment he walked in. He described the first question as crass. He would not hear talk of any changes. "You pick the side that is the best available," he said. "You don't know of anyone else who can do any better. You have an opinion, but that's all it is, an opinion. People want to see changes. I don't care what people think."

Best had an odd explanation when he suggested that Ireland had a dominance in the lineout. "They were very physical," he said. The truth is that in both halves England had a clear edge in this department, which is held to be so important in the modern game.

The most relaxed man was Carling. Perhaps those hours studying psychology at Durham had helped him for this.

"There was so much that was wrong," he said. "The quality of possession, the lines of running. We did not put enough rhythm in to the game. We didn't establish enough set platforms from which to attack. The bare fact is that we didn't play very well this time."

Cooke has always been thoughtful and articulate, yet he was genuinely puzzled as to why England, who are so organised, had been disrupted by the frantic approach of the Irish twice in the past 11 months. Whether England can bounce back in time for their next home game, in mid-March, remains to be seen. One month from now, England will face a Wales team going for the triple crown, the championship and the grand slam — and Cooke, Carling and Best will have to come to the small, narrow room near Twickenham's changing rooms to explain it all once again.

Control and the confidence trick



Rob Andrew, England's stand-off, on the particular problems for the supposedly favoured nations

The harsh realities of five nations' championship rugby are catching up with this England side. I make no attempt to mask the fact that our performance at Twickenham was disappointing. But people must give the side a bit of time because there is a lot of inexperience and it showed against Ireland.

Yet it is important to keep some perspective and not panic. On Saturday, we lost by one point. Of course it wasn't the sort of performance we would have wanted to produce, but as we have said all along, we are a new team still learning. To panic now would be ludicrous. Besides, you learn more about players when they are under pressure in this sort of situation than at any other time. Once you start making major changes, you wreck any confidence players have got.

There may be one or two tactical switches for the match against France in Paris on Saturday week. But Geoff Cooke, the manager, has said that he has got the squad of players that are here for the run-up to the World Cup next year and I also think we have the best players in England already in that squad. Therefore, what we have got to do together is fight back and in the process find out how people react to these reverses.

I did not play as well as I would have liked against Ireland. We never got the control required up front, especially in the lineout, but my game was not at its best. When you lose and things have not gone to plan, it is inevitable you are going to be unhappy. But it is still no reason to panic — we could have easily won.

I don't want to imply that the referee was responsible for us losing the match because that was not the case. However, the penalty which Eric Elwood kicked to take Ireland crucially 13-9 ahead should have been awarded to England. I went back to collect the ball in open play and as I went down on the ground Simon Geoghegan dived straight on top of me. The laws state clearly that he is not allowed to do that; he must stay on his feet. We should have been given the penalty and it is little things like that in a tight game which can make so much difference.

Ireland battled well throughout for their victory and made life extremely difficult for us. The spirit in their side was excellent and they never gave up.

The trip to France represents a difficult next match for us — but we can still win the championship outright. To do that we must win in Paris and then beat Wales at Twickenham, and much as I respect both sides, we are capable of doing that — as long as we play to our potential in both games. We have the ability to do it, but we must learn to cope with tight pressure games in this tournament. People have got to go away from this and think to themselves "we are not going to accept defeat".

You have to bounce back quickly, and whether we can do so will be the measure of this side. Above all, we have to have confidence in each other's ability to bounce back. I know we can do it — but I just wish people would appreciate what it takes to win five nations' matches, no matter how much you may be favoured.

Events in Cardiff confirm this. Few people would have taken Wales to beat France before the game on Saturday yet the manner of their performance showed they fully deserved to win. It was an outstanding display against the five nations' champions and in a sense the fact that both France and ourselves lost on Saturday underlined the complications that can arise for favourites in this tournament.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*



Andrew is caught by Geoghegan in the incident which brought the crucial penalty for Ireland at Twickenham

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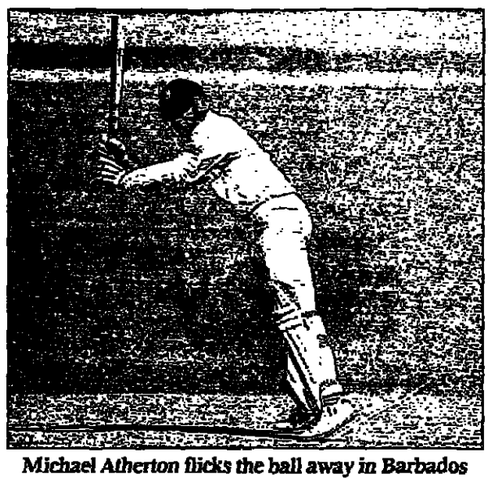


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Eagle lifts Eales in march to first win

FROM MEL WEBB IN BADAJOZ, SPAIN

LIFE was good for Paul Eales when he played a sequence of four holes in a regal five under par in the middle of the final round of the Extremadura Open here yesterday. A little over two hours later he could look back fondly on that burst of brilliance as the moment when he first laid his hands on the winner's trophy.

Eales, a cool, calm and collected Lancastrian who is the tournament professional at Royal Lytham and St Annes, completed the first PGA European Tour victory of his career, and with it earnt a cheque for £41,660, with a round of 71 and a total of 281, seven under par, at the Guadiana course near the Portuguese border.

He finished a shot in front of Peter Hedblom, of Sweden, with Andrew Coltart and José-Maria Cañizares joint third a further stroke behind.

Starting the last round a shot behind Miguel Angel Jimenez, of Spain, and Nic Henning of South Africa, Eales started his surge for the tape with a 30-foot putt for a birdie on the short 5th.

At the next he proved that fortune sometimes does favour the bold when he fired a five-iron from 157 yards straight at the pin and watched the ball bounce once and roll into the hole for an eagle two.

He picked up another shot on the long 7th when he chipped to three feet from the back of the green and made the putt, and kept up the momentum by hitting a sand-wedge to a foot on the 8th to move into a four-stroke lead.

He dropped shots at the 9th, 11th and 15th, but with the chasing pack moving backwards faster than he was, he was never put under serious threat. He birdied the 14th from three feet, and did not falter until the last hole, when he put his drive into sand, pulled his second shot too far left, and was left with a longer shot than he would have wanted — 202 yards to the flag — for his third.

Taking a four-wood, he crossed a lake in his path, and just cleared a ditch that fronts the green.

Knowing he had three for the title, he calmly took all of them and raised his hands in triumph when the ball dropped for the final time. It was a bogey six, but by then it really did not matter.

Eales, 30, is in his second season on Tour and is a ceaseless searcher for ways to improve his game. "The more experts I have kicking into my world, the better it is for me," he said, and with that in mind, he has his diet supervised by a nutritionist, while a physiotherapist looks after his physical condition.

"This win came earlier than I expected, but it is still very welcome," he said. "I didn't really think I would be ready to win for another couple of years."

With his first goal achieved, is there another target on the Eales horizon? "Yes, I aim to win the 1996 Open at Lytham," came the immediate reply. Some target.

FINAL SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 281: P Eales 72, 69, 69, 71. 282: P Hedblom (Swe) 72, 69, 71, 70. 283: A Coltart 69, 74, 71, 70, J-M Cañizares (Sp) 70, 73, 68, 72. 284: I Spencer 74, 71, 68, 71, L Westwood 68, 72, 72, 72, P Mitchell 69, 69, 74, 72, J Payne 72, 70, 70, 72, M-A Jimenez (Sp) 67, 73, 69, 75, N Henning (SA) 72, 71, 66, 75. 285: I Gervas (Sp) 73, 68, 72, 72, K Eriksson (Swe) 72, 72, 70, 71, D Williams 71, 74, 69, 71, P-U Johansson (Swe) 73, 70, 71, 71, M Gronberg (Swe) 73, 67, 72, 73. 286: S McAllister 71, 73, 73, 69, R Mann 70, 76, 68, 72, P Mayo 70, 71, 71, 74, J Rivero (Sp) 71, 70, 70, 75. 287: A Sherborne 72, 74, 69, 72, M-A Martin (Sp) 74, 72, 73, 68, T Price 69, 71, 74, 73, A Cejka (Ger) 76, 68, 70, 73. 288: K Waters 71, 72, 72, 73; A Hunter 73, 70, 72, 73, J Arruti (Sp) 72, 73, 71, 72, M Besanceney (Fra) 76, 70, 70, 72. 289: H Thul (Ger) 71, 75, 71, 71, R Willison 77, 69, 73, 70, I Garbutt 69, 76, 75, 69, S Bottomley 71, 72, 71, 75.

Confusion reigns as yachts set course for the Horn

FROM MALCOLM MCKEAG IN AUCKLAND

THERE were unprecedented scenes at the start of the fourth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race race here yesterday, with nine of the 14 yachts recalled for beating the starter's cannon. Both Lawrie Smith in *Intrum Justitia* and Matt Humphries in *Dolphin & Youth Challenge* were among those who had to start again, while the race leaders, Chris Dickson in *Tokio* and Grant Dalton in *New Zealand Endeavour* sped off towards Cape Horn.

Thousands crowded the headlands and lined the shore to give the fleet a spectacular send-off as Aucklanders Brad Butterworth, in *Winston* and Ross Field in the bright blue *Yamaha* led the charge at the windward end of the line for the first mark — effectively a lane marker midway down Rangitoto channel.

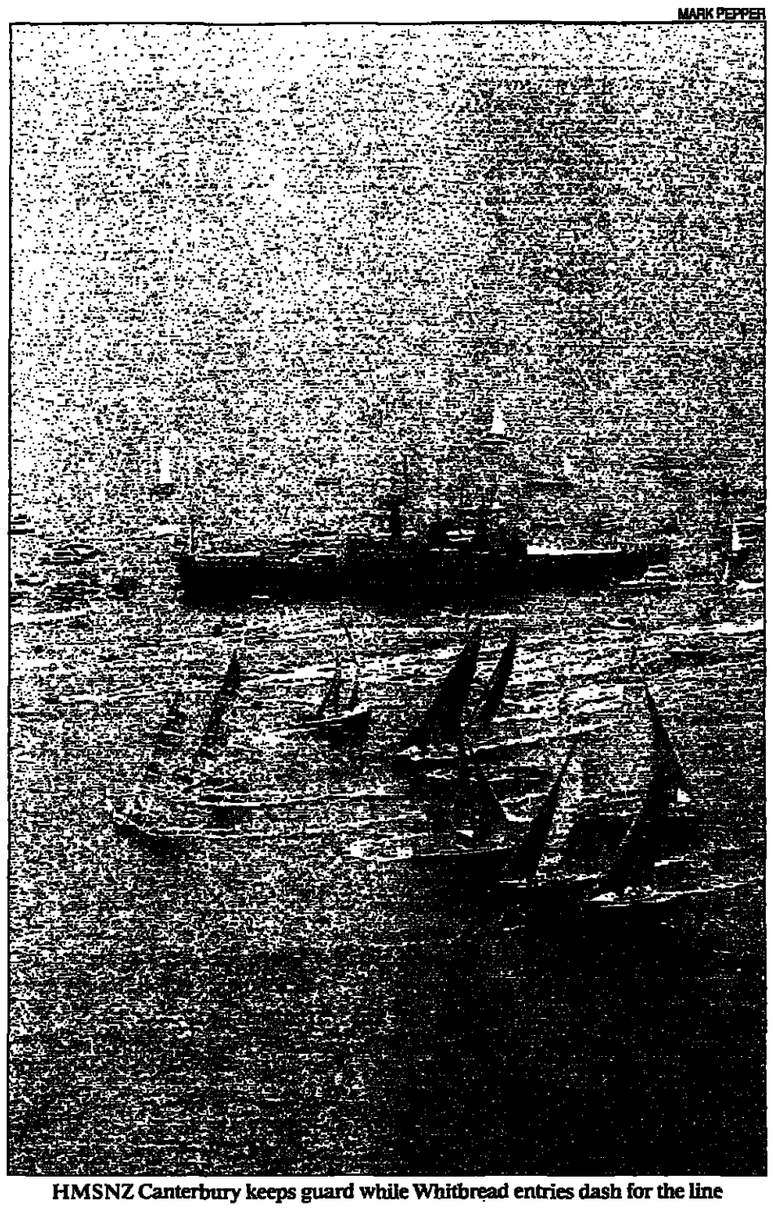
Smith, to leeward, had his view of the start line blanketed by boats to windward and was sucked over early. Pierre Fehlmann was another too eager to be on his way.

Five of the nine early starters went back, but the all-woman crew in *Heineken*, led by American Dawn Riley, either did not realise their infringement or decided this was a moment to savour, and plugged on regardless. Likewise *Brooksfield* (Guido Maisto, Italy).

Dickson, who at the finish of the last leg had held off Dalton's 85ft Maxi until barely a mile from Auckland, was quick to seize his chance once again to embarrass his compatriot. He drove his Whitbread 60 through to windward of Dalton's big ketch before hardening his sheets, pumping up his water ballast and powering away.

Astern, the fleet wallowed in the wash from upwards of 5,000 spectator craft, from small ski boats to plodding tugs in 14-16, and observing the start from a helicopter was like looking into a washing machine with the lid lifted.

MARK PEPPER



HMSNZ Canterbury keeps guard while Whitbread entries dash for the line

Another to start cleanly was French veteran Eric Tabaray in the Maxi *La Poste*. Soon he and Dalton were engaged in a criss-cross tacking duel sometimes less than a boat length apart.

Despite their enforced late start both *Yamaha* and *Intrum Justitia* were quick to recover. As the fleet and its attendants cavalcade of pleasure craft passed the final lane marker and headed out for Cape Colville, Dickson led by almost half a mile while *Yamaha* had recovered to second place 3min 51sec astern. Smith was badly baulked by a raft of close-packed spectator craft and had to turn through 90 degrees to avoid one boat, only to find his way blocked by an 80ft passenger catamaran, its engines full astern. He still managed to wriggle through the throng and tack ahead of *Winston*.

The unfortunate Matt Humphries in *Dolphin & Youth Challenge* fared less well in the turbulent air and churning seas, and was in last place, behind even *Hetman* and *Uruguay Natural*, the traditional fleet-sweepers as the long slog began into the open ocean.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Mod class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 5,695 miles; equal 2, Merit Cup (F Fehlmann, Switz) and La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 5,668; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 5,729. Whitbread 60 class: equal 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) and Winston (B Butterworth, US); equal 3, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) and Yamaha (R Field, NZ); 5, Galicia 93, Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 5,703; 6, *Heineken (D Riley, US) 5,704; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 5,716; 8, *Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 5,717; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Piaton, Ukr) 5,719; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 5,733. * Subject to time penalty for premature start.
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Zodiac gives sign of high-flying things to come



Zodiac: aka Kate Staples

David Powell meets a glamorous Gladiator relishing the challenge of trying to succeed as a humble pole-vaulter

ZODIAC succeeded where Linford Christie and Colin Jackson failed on Saturday — winning at the AAA indoor championships in Birmingham. The national indoor arena is where Zodiac made her name. Making it as Kate Staples needs working on.

There was unusual interest in the women's pole vault, not because Staples was vaulting but because Zodiac was, Zodiac, one of The Gladiators on ITV, is perhaps the most recognisable member of Essex Ladies Athletic Club, ahead of Sally Gunnell, certainly among younger age groups.

Fourteen million watch *The Gladiators* on ITV but, between series, Zodiac has been concentrating on being a serious sportswoman. She set a British indoor pole vault record of 3.46 metres on Saturday. Staples will be Zodiac when the big athletics championships of the year come round in August: the women's pole vault is not yet part of international programmes.

Instead, Staples will be back in the indoor arena filming for *The Gladiators*. But she will also be working on her vaulting, trying to raise her outdoor record from 3.56 metres.

Four metres is the height needed for a sign from Zodiac that she might match the world's best as the event develops. Why even try, when *The Gladiators* has put her in the public eye more than women's pole vaulting ever can? It is the appeal of competing as an individual, of being able to know exactly the standard you have reached.

The event in Britain could hardly wish for a better pied piper. Last year, when Zodiac visited a Belfast store, 6,000 people attended.

Michael Rosswess will be among the favourites for the European indoor title after running 6.56sec to beat Christie, who was given the same. Jackson finishing third in 6.57. At 28, Rosswess has time to blossom — Christie's best races came after his thirtieth birthday.

The championships disappointed for the failure of young athletes to make their mark. An exception was Jamie Baulch who, at 20, set a Welsh indoor 400 metres record of 46.75sec behind Du'aine Ladejo.

The men's British trial for the world cross country championships, at Alnwick, also kept youth at a distance. Of the first eight, to whom places in team for Budapest on March 26 went automatically, Dominic Bannister, 25, was the youngest.

Steve Tunstall, 29, was the winner for the second successive year. Paula Radcliffe, the winner of the women's trial, is Britain's only realistic individual medal hope.

BRITISH TEAM: Men: S Tunstall (Preston), A Bristow (Brighton and Hove), R Nenurkar (Bingley), D Bannister (Shaftesbury Barnet), M Jones (Horwich RMI), E Martin (Basildon), D Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon), B Royden (Medway), A Pearson (Longwood). Reserves: D Mead (Norlolk Olympiads). Women: P Radcliffe (Bedford), L Adam (Parkside), B Hartigan (Tipton), T Blake (Blackheath), V McPherson (Glasgow), J Claque (Liverpool H). Reserve: W Ore (Cardiff).

Bradford set to break monopoly

Bradford Northern..... 54
Hull Kingston Rovers 8

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

MODESTY is a trait not normally associated with the larger than life persona of Peter Fox, except when it comes to his Bradford Northern side ending Wigan's four-year monopoly of the Stones Bitter rugby league championship.

Compared with the apparent bottomless pit of fine players at Central Park, Fox is right in his assertion that Bradford are poor relations. Odsal, however, is positively brimming with confidence nowadays, which cannot be said of Wigan, despite a 34-12 defeat of Salford yesterday.

With their fellow contenders suffering the jitters of late, Bradford deposed of Warrington with a ten-try canter against hapless opposition yesterday. How Bradford came to lose at Hull KR back in October will remain one of the season's great mysteries.

After some narrow scrapes recently, this was an opportunity to bolster their points difference. As well as directing almost constant one-way traffic, Deryck Fox helped himself to three tries and landed seven of ten conversion attempts. It was the Flying Squad against the Keystone Cops. Hull KR would have had trouble finding their own shadows, so bad was their defence.

Bradford had two tries dismissed for forward passes in the opening five minutes, and by the end, were literally falling over themselves. The procession began when five defenders failed to collar Medley. Fox initiated and ended the move that brought his first try. Fairbank provided Fox'ssecond and then Summers scored.

Five tackles later, the ball span through six pairs of hands before Daio Powell went inside Shelford for the scoring pass. Half time was the only respite for Hull KR. Immediately afterwards, Wayne Jackson lost possession and a fortuitous bounce gave Fox his hat-trick.

Between further scores by Hall, an impressive debutant, Watson, Summers and Newlove for Bradford, Hutchinson and Paul Fletcher scored consolatory efforts. What, though, would George Fairbairn, the Hull KR coach, give right now for a few of Peter Fox's modest pretensions?

SCORERS: Bradford: Tries: Fox (3), Summers (2), D Powell, Watson, Hall, Newlove. Goals: Fox (7). Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Hutchinson, P Fletcher.

BRADFORD NORTHERN: D Watson, D Powell (sub Newlove, 64min), D Shelford, P Newlove (sub J Hamer, 41), C Hall, N Summers, D Fox, P Grayshon, T Clark, R Powell, P Medley, F Fairbank (sub P Dixon, 41), D Heron.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: M Fletcher, G Brown (sub N Wardcobe, 2), J Barkworth, R Hutchinson, E Sioje, G Chatfield, W Parker; W Jackson, R Chamberlain, N Halsha (sub Fletcher, 41), P Fletcher (sub C O'Brien, 20), C Harrison, S Hoe.

Referee: J Holdsworth.

Greenall ends day on winning note

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

WHEN Miners Melody came out the comfortable winner of the hunter chase at Nottingham on Saturday, Channel 4 viewers would have believed that Johnny Greenall had had another satisfying afternoon.

It ended in his favour, but prior to this his helicopter trip to the **South Midlands Hunt Club** point-to-point had been frustrating. Delayed by the fog, he landed just in time to see Trevor Marks win on Itsgoneoff, his intended ride in division one of the maiden, in which Caroline Saunders also produced the second and third. Greenall was ready in time to ride the ex-Irish pointer, Life Of A King, in division three, but was unseated at the second, and then fared little better on Manners To Burn, who found little in the closing stages and was pulled up in the race won by Lover Bill.

The skill of Dick Baimbridge was again exemplified by the performance of Lover Bill. The 12-year-old had an undistinguished career under Rules, but won a maiden at Badbury Rings first time out for his new stable and followed up on Saturday under Alison Dare. Stephen's Pet, in the ladies' race, completed a double for Dare.

Polly Curling continued in winning vein when taking the first division of the confined at the **United Services** on Archies Nephew. Quick Rapor provided a second winner for the Barber stable, in the Services race, but his victory will be expunged from the record books by Portman Square, as Dominic Alers-Hankey failed to carry a 5lb penalty for winning last week.

Wellington Brown injured himself in a fall in 1992 after winning two good hunter chases. Since then, he had done little until Saturday, when he ran on well under Catherine Mitchell to score by 1½ lengths. This was a most polished performance by his new rider, who was winning only her second race.

The reigning men's champion, Alistair Crow, got off the mark at the **West Shropshire** where Jolly Boat won a division of the maiden. Crow had previously come second to Curly's Castle in a division of the open, and later finished runner-up on Cussane Cross, behind Three Potato Four, an entry for the abandoned Times Rising Stars qualifier at Hereford last week.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

LANARKS & RENFREW FOXHOUNDS (Bogside): Hunt: 1, Torridon (A Campbell, 10-1); 2, Black And Bluss; only 2 finished. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Sharp Opinion (Miss P Robson, Evens fav), 2, Andrew; 3, Macmurphy. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Damnification (A Parker, 5-4 fav); 2, Green Sheen, 3, Scoothak. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Funny Venture (Miss D Calder, 4-6 fav); 2, Hills Sidhe; 3, Glorioles. 9 ran. Open. 1, Agathist (K Anderson, 1-3 fav), 2, Paddy Hayton; 3, St Elmo's Fire. 5 ran. Midn. 1, Flower Of Scotland (K Anderson, 5-2); 2, Linn Falls; 3, Aughafetten Willie. 15 ran.

SOUTH MIDLAND AREA HUNT CLUB (Heythrop): Confined 1, Golden Standard (F Hutsby, 20-1); 2, Land Of Wonder; 3, Sevens Out. 15 ran. Midn I: 1, Itsgoneoff (T Marks, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Hill Fort; 3, Beau Dandy. 12 ran. Midn II: 1, Clare Man (B Pollock, 6-4 fav); 2, Sweetmg; 3, Force. 15 ran. Midn III. 1, True Steel (J Trice-Rolph, 5-4 fav); 2, Arrow Valley Lad, 3, Fairfield's Breeze. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Lover Bill (Miss A Dare, 7-2), 2, Tsalarader, 3, Juranstan. 17 ran. Open: 1, Wild Illusion (J Trice-Rolph, 1-2 fav), 2, Ask Frank; 3, Welsh Singer. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dare, 6-4 fav); 2, Deer Fencer; 3, Blakelin. 14 ran. Midn (Div IV): 1, Diamond Valley (A Sansome, 6-1); 2, Lord Of The West, 3, Romany Gold. 10 ran. Midn (Div V): 1, The Putney Lark (C Morlock, 2-1 fav); 2, Clear Gin; 3, Kettles. 13 ran. Hunt: 1, Causeway Cruiser (R Lawther, 5-4 fav); 2, First Design; 3, War Gift. 6 ran.

SOUTH POOL HARRIERS (Otery St Mary): Hunt: 1, Yiragan (Mrs C Wonnacott, 1-3 fav); 2, Bluechipenterprise; 3, Curnhean Lad. 6 ran. Open: 1, Olveston (W G Turner, 25-1), 2, Knileboard, 3, Wheal Prosper. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Little Might (AFarrant, 6-1); 2, Ballyedan; 3, Iowa. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Regime Solo (Miss S Vickery, 16-1); 2, Share-Out; 3, Treleven. 11 ran. Rest I: 1, Sorrel Hill (Miss S Vickery, 3-1 fav); 2, Blue-Bird Express; 3, Proud Point. 12 ran. Rest (Div II): 1, Little Coombs (R Cole, 3-1); 2, Aherkelly; 3, Just Silver. 10 ran. Midn: 1, Bang On Target (A Farrant, 5-2 jt-fav), 2, Double Light; 3, Devon Star. 8 ran.

SUFFOLK (Ampton): Hunt: 1, Glanmoore (S Steam, 4-1); 2, Santano; 3, Tidal Stream. 14 ran. Confined: 1, Union Quay (G Pewer, 20-1); 2, Honest Fred; 3, Parham. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Maltby Boy (Mrs A Hickman, 2-5 fav); 2, Shipmate; 3, Quick Reaction. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Hook Head (C Vale, 6-1), 2, Force Eleven; 3, Idling By. 8 ran. Open: 1, Celtic Flame (B Allen, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Roars Of Applause; 3, Castleary Lad. 11 ran. Open Midn I: 1, Druid's Lodge (S Cowell, 2-1 fav); 2, Tagio De Champieu; 3, Vaymad. 10 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Colonel Kenson (Miss P Claydon, 8-1); 2, Willow Wren; 3, Styleshire Lad. 9 ran.

UNITED SERVICES (Larkhill): Confined I: 1, Archie's Nephew (Miss P Curling, 8-4 fav), 2, The City Minstrel; 3, Fishing Season. 16 ran. Confined II: 1, Wellington Brown (Mrs C Mitchell, 11-4), 2, Dancing Dons; 3, See You There. 10 ran. Hunt: 1, Quick Repor (D Alers-Hankey, 7-4); 2, Tubbs; 3, Roving Glen. 10 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Baron Bob (M Miller, 4-6 fav); 2, Andros Prince; 3, Mr Diplomatic. 11 ran. Mixed Open II: 1, Holland House (C Vigors, 7-4 fav), 2, Ash Jim Boy; 3, Irrepy Condor. 10 ran. Open Midn I: 1, Si Bend (G Maundrell, 4-1); 2, Belmoral Boy; 3, Ardeamed. 12 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Baroness Spider (R Atkinson, 11-4 fav), 2, Roaming Shadow; 3, Misty. 13 ran.

WEST SHROPSHIRE DRAG (Weston Park): Hunt: 1, Popphar (M Worthington, 20-1); 2, Bodfari; 3, Workeston Farrier. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Pont De Pax (C Barlow, 2-1); 2, Legal Intent; 3, Sir Noddy. 16 ran. Open I: 1, Pamela's Lad (G Hanmer, 10-1); 2, Nodforns Dilemma; 3, Ancella. 14 ran. Open II: 1, Carry's Castle (P Hanly, 6-1), 2, Equity Player; 3, Astre Radieux. 17 ran. Ladies I: 1, Shannon Cay (Miss P Jones, 11-4); 2, Bellalong; 3, Intrepida. 11 ran. Ladies II: 1, Couture Tights (Miss J Priest, Evens fav); 2, Carefree Times; 3, Simply Perfect. 11 ran. Rest I: 1, Master Hochberg (C Stockton, 6-1); 2, Charlie Chalk; 3, Intercept. 13 ran. Rest II: 1, Chip'N'run (J Comes, 20-1); 2, Montykosky; 3, Heyble. 17 ran. Midn I: 1, Jolly Boat (A Crow, 5-1); 2, Quick Quay; 3, The Difference. 16 ran. Midn II: 1, Three Potato Four (D Barlow, 11-8 fav); 2, Cussane Cross; 3, Proctore Row. 9 ran.

Giles goes on scoring spree

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

CALUM Giles scored four goals in two days for Havant, who drew nearer to winning the Pizza Express national league hockey title after the 1-0 victory over Reading at Birmingham University yesterday and the 4-1 defeat of Canterbury at the Polo Farm on Saturday.

Giles converted a short corner in the nineteenth minute against Reading in a match described by the Havant manager, Chris Pickett, as uninspiring. Against Canterbury, Giles scored three goals in the second half, two from short corners, to add to the early lead given by Don Williams. Paul Surridge replied for Canterbury from a penalty stroke.

Havant need four points from two remaining matches to take the title from Hounslow, who yesterday defeated Teddington 3-0 with David Hacker scoring from a penalty stroke in the first half and Robert Crutchley adding two goals from short corners after the interval.

A 4-0 victory over Indian Gymkhana brought little cheer to Old Loughtonians, whose title chances receded on Saturday after being held goalless by Southgate.

Southgate yesterday lost 3-2 to Cannock, despite going two goals ahead in the early stages. John Shaw and Guy Gisborne from a penalty stroke scored for Southgate with John Mills and Justin Pidcock replying for Cannock before Paul Edwards converted a penalty stroke for the home side in the 42nd minute. Bromley were relegated to the second division.

☐ Hightown failed in their attempt to stop the German clubs dominating the European indoor championships yesterday and relinquished their bronze medal to Edinburgh Ladies. Although they reached the semi-finals, they could not prevent Berlin from reaching the final and were then beaten by a stronger Edinburgh side 7-1 in the third place play-off. The home club, Russelsheim, took the gold, beating Berlin 6-5 in the final.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Edberg impressive against Ivanisevic

STEFAN Edberg, of Sweden, claimed he was back to his best after beating Goran Ivanisevic to clinch the Stuttgart Open tennis championship yesterday. Edberg, seeded No 3, won 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 and then predicted 1994 would be the year of his comeback. "I played a near perfect match, my best tennis for quite a long time," he said. "I have not beaten Goran for a long time and it was a great feeling. If I can continue like that, I have a chance with the grand slam."

Ivanisevic, the fourth seed, who struggled to put out Boris Becker in the semi-final, said: "Stefan played great tennis all through the match. He is very confident, he is very tough. I was mentally a bit out today, and when you play like that against Stefan, you lose."

Martina Navratilova won the 167th singles title of her career when she retained her Paris Open crown by beating Julie Halard, of France, 7-5, 6-3 in just under 90 minutes.

Wasim unstoppable

CRICKET: Wasim Akram took seven for 119 — and 11 for 179 overall — as Pakistan beat New Zealand by an innings and 12 runs in the second Test in Wellington yesterday. Martin Crowe, New Zealand's leading batsman, is unlikely to play against India during their brief tour next month. Ireland thrashed Malaysia by nine wickets to reach the ICC Trophy quarter-finals. They are joined in the last eight by Holland, Bangladesh, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Canada and Hong Kong, with Bermuda and Denmark meeting to decide the final place.

Tigers trap Bears

BASKETBALL: Thames Valley Tigers subdued two of the Budweiser League's highest scorers to beat the champions, Worthing Bears, 90-73 in front of a capacity crowd at Bracknell on Saturday. Tigers are now favourites for the title. While Tigers' defenders neutralised Cleave Lewis and Herman Harried, their own Tony Holley (27 points) and Peter Scantlebury (21 points) emerged as the match's most influential figures. But their real revelation was Michael Hayles, whose 14 points included three three-pointers.

Scots win in France

RUGBY UNION: Craig Chalmers, the British Lion who last played for Scotland's second XV in 1988, made a significant contribution in the 12-9 win over France A in wet and muddy conditions in Rennes yesterday. The stand-off half, well served by his Melrose club partner, Bryan Redpath, put in some telling high kicks and dropped a goal to add to three penalty goals from Michael Dods, the full back, who was secure in defence. The French full back, Labit, was responsible for his side's points, kicking three penalty goals.

Parrott ends lean spell

SNOOKER: John Parrott, although not satisfied with his form, beat James Wattana, of Thailand, 9-5 in the final of the International Open at Bournemouth on Saturday to claim his first title since October 1992. Wattana established a 4-2 lead after escaping a snooker in the sixth frame, but Parrott replied with a break of 77 in the seventh and ended the first session level at 4-4. After losing the ninth frame, Parrott pulled away to a comfortable win, compiling breaks of 40, 84, 42 and 113 in taking five consecutive frames.

Flyers end Devils' run

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils' run of 18 straight wins at the top of the British League came to an end at Kirkcaldy on Saturday where Fife Flyers, the second-placed team, beat them 12-2. Leading 4-2 going into the final period, Flyers overwhelmed the Devils in the final 20 minutes, scoring eight times. Doug Small, the former National Hockey League player, collected five. Sheffield Steelers beat Durham Wasps 8-5 and Nottingham Panthers, who have gone eight matches unbeaten, defeated Murrayfield 9-5.

Two seek fourth title

BOWLS: The Churchill Insurance world indoor singles and pairs championships, involving players from 12 countries, begin at Preston today. Richard Corsie, the holder, and David Bryant are each seeking a record fourth win in the singles, as well as a first prize of £25,000. Corsie plays Ian McClure, a promising Irish bowler, on Friday and Bryant has been drawn against Ian Taylor, of Australia, tomorrow. There are four other previous champions in the field — John Price, Ian Schuback, Hugh Duff and Tony Allcock.

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Nicholson prepares strong team for festival

By Julian Muscat

DAVID Nicholson, who has dominated the National Hunt season to date, is preparing a team of up to 15 horses for the Cheltenham festival next month. It will be his strongest assault yet, and one which could easily clinch him the coveted trainers' championship for the first time.

Hardly a Saturday has passed without Nicholson landing one of the day's valuable events. Such has been his march towards the title that his prize-money haul of £445,000 amounts to £125,000 more than his nearest pursuer, Nigel Twiston-Davies. Martin Pipe, the reigning champion and presently in third place, will need his leading horses to return to their best if he is to have any chance of retaining his title.

Nicholson is fully aware that a plethora of festival runners rarely translates to a fistful of winners. Last year, the 17 horses he started yielded just one winner when Strong Beau landed the Kim Muir Challenge Cup. This time, however, his hand looks more decisive in the championship events.

Mysilv, a warm favourite for the Triumph Hurdle, will have her final outing at Kempton on Saturday. Victory at the Sunbury circuit will put the unbeaten filly in line for a £50,000 bonus should she follow up at Cheltenham. Other notable contenders are Viking Flagship, the favourite for the Queen Mother Champion Chase, and Barton Bank, the second favourite, behind Jodami, for the Gold Cup.

Nicholson, however, remains cautious. "I keep saying it, but Cheltenham is a hard place to have a winner. All the horses could run well and we may still come away without winning anything," he said yesterday. The going will have a large say in the final analysis, with many in his string having shown a marked preference for good ground.

One who revels in the mud is Moorcroft Boy, the trainer's Grand National hope, who will contest the Greenall's Gold Cup at Haydock on Saturday after the Eider Chase at Newcastle fell victim to the weather again. However, Moorcroft Boy is almost certain to bypass Cheltenham and wait for Aintree.

A Grand National victory from Moorcroft Boy would put his handler out of reach in the trainers' lists, yet Nicholson can take a giant stride towards the championship if the obligatory slice of luck goes his way at Cheltenham, his favourite racecourse. It is hard to believe that Nicholson, who started training in 1968, had to wait 18 years before Solar Cloud broke his festival duck in the Triumph Hurdle.

"This is the first time we have been in the position of having a good lead in the trainers' championship," Nicholson said. "I'm hopeful we can go all the way and win it. This is the time of year when these things are decided, but one thing is definite: I won't be running the horses unless it is in their best interests. They always come first."

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The meeting scheduled for Newcastle today was called off yesterday due to frost and snow. Fontwell will hold a precautionary 7.15am inspection, as frost is forecast. The course is frozen at Sedgefield, where racing is due to take place tomorrow, but no inspection has been arranged.

JULIAN HERBERT



Alum Douche, the owner of Country Lad, receives his trophy from Michael Seely's widow, Irene, at Nottingham

Country Lad earns place in Arkle

By Julian Muscat

THE Michael Seely Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase, run on Saturday in memory of the former racing correspondent of *The Times*, produced a thrilling finish and a surprise result when Country Lad, a 14-1 chance, got the better of Front Line by a length. Current Express, the 6-5 favourite, could finish only 3½ lengths further back in third after blundering his chance away at the last two fences.

Trained by Sarah Williams in the village of South Molton, in Devon, Country Lad now heads for the Guinness Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham on March 16, for which William Hill quote him at 12-1. Connections backed the six-year-old before the start of the season at 100-1.

Following Atone's surprise odds-on defeat at Punchestown yesterday, Hills hastily revised their Arkle betting to: 7-2 Atone, Baydon Star, Coonawara, 6-1 Current Express, 10-1 Nakir, 12-1 and upwards others.

Of Country Lad's victory, by far the biggest in his trainer's career to date, Williams said: "I'm so excited. We wanted to run him to see how he would fare against these good horses and see whether it was worth sending him to Cheltenham." The horse now heads for the two-mile test without another run.

The race was expected to develop into a match between Native Mission and Current Express. The former, undefeated in his three previous outings over fences, never jumped with any fluency after he met the first fence wrong. Tim Fitzgerald, the son of the trainer, Jimmy, reported that Native Mission was stiff and slightly lame when he returned to his Malton stables, and will be examined by a back specialist.

Current Express, meanwhile, looked poised to consolidate his position as favourite for the Arkle when he gained the initiative three fences from home.

"He flew the third-last, pricked his ears and looked in a totally different class to the others," Nicky Henderson, the trainer of Current Express, said yesterday. "God only knows what happened at the last two fences. Mary Bromiley came to see him this morning, and she thinks he has a nastily-bruised stifle. She is hopeful it will not take too long to come out. If it clears up in time, I will probably run him again at Warwick next week." Cheltenham is still high on Henderson's agenda.

An interesting development is that David Nicholson, who closely monitored the Nottingham race, now favours starting Baydon Star in the two-mile championship for novice chasers.

Like Coonawara, Baydon Star has an alternative engagement in the Cathcart Challenge Cup, over two miles five furlongs, but Nicholson is leaning towards the shorter race.

Strong measures needed to halt lack of runners

The themes of marketing and promotion are high on the British Horseracing Board's (BHB) list of priorities in the struggle to advance racing's share of the leisure industry. In this respect, the BHB is no different to the multitude of rival sporting associations, all of which are reaching for the same goal.

This initiative is welcome, yet the paucity of runners attracted to some valuable races during the latter part of last week was tantamount to strangling the BHB's efforts at birth. It is folly to believe one can promote a product manifestly lacking in basic appeal, as these four and five-runner races invariably are. Their negative effect on betting turnover has implications in other areas of the sport, but that need not concern us here.

What is infinitely more alarming is the abject impression it creates among the occasionals tuning in to televised racing on a Saturday afternoon. There is little point in generating interest in racing if those electing to watch it for the first time are served a diet of sub-standard contests. One of the sport's most endearing qualities is its "colour", an element largely absent from the television screens in recent weeks.

This development is not new. We have tolerated a series of small fields in valuable National Hunt races for two or three seasons. This period coincided with an unusual lack of rain, which was understandably forwarded as the reason behind it. Now, apparently, we have had too much rain. The going, once too firm, has been rendered too soft.

The BHB's race planning committee, whose responsibility it is to make adjustments to the racing programme, is meticulous in its collection of statistics. It has already identified a wealth of opportunities for the better-class horses and has plans to reduce them. On Wednesday, the committee will be told that runners in the average steeplechase have dwindled by nine per cent, from 7.63 to 6.95, over the corresponding 12-month period. But this decline, while pertinent, is not a satisfactory explanation.

The most obvious reason for the dearth of steeplechase runners has its roots in a fixture list which has expanded beyond control. There is a natural, if not actual, conflict here, as the needs of bookmakers and those of racing, two interdependent industries, are diametrically opposed.

A compromise, important to both sides, has duly been reached. However, within that compromise, the BHB must attach greater significance to the product as screened on television. The medium of television is the single most important vehicle for the promotion and marketing of racing. In order to achieve more competitive fields, there is a strong case for the BHB to be more ruthless.

Among the measures it should take is to protect, even to a fault, its showcase events on Saturdays. No talented horse, for which a race has been scripted, should be offered an easier opportunity only 24 hours earlier, as was the case last weekend.

In many ways, the abandonment of the televised fixture at Chepstow on Saturday was a blessing in disguise. Only the diehards could have warmed to the grand total of five, five and four runners who were prepared to contest the three televised races.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

1.20 Warren Street
1.50 Acrow Line
2.20 Simmie's Special
2.50 Venture Fourth
3.20 Killing Time
3.50 RASAYEL (nap)
4.20 Kalar

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 KILLING TIME.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M 100YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.20 HUMPTY DUMPTY AMATEUR RIDERS CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: £2,243: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

101 (1) 0/ CAP DIAMANT 25J (Mrs W Jenkins) J Jenkins 6-10-8 ... Miss V Haigh (7) –
102 (7) 5/00-500 CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 6 (G) (M Barden) J Long 4-10-3 ... R Blyth (7) 90
103 (2) 065-014 SUPER HEIGHTS 7 (C,F,G) (D Williams) D Williams 6-10-0 ... Miss S Higgins (5) 96
104 (5) 6043-20 WARREN STREET 10 (B Kelly) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-0 ... Miss R Clark (5) 91
105 (3) 001603- ROCKY BAY 49J (C,G,S) (Lodge Cross) B Llewellyn 5-9-12 ... Miss E J Jones (7) 79
106 (4) 60/0460- PERSIAN BUD 27J (J Bosley) J Bosley 6-9-11 ... Mrs S Bosley (5) 89
107 (10) 30 NORDROSS 28 (W Todd) J Peacock 6-9-8 ... Miss S Lea (7) 68
108 (6) 0/00000- CIVIL ACTION 140 (D Wright) Mrs P Barker 4-9-8 ... Miss T Ager (7) 90
109 (9) 540000- JULFAAR 47J (D,F) (P Cunningham) J Pearce 7-9-8 ... Mrs L Pearce 91
110 (8) 040-010 SPORTING SPIRIT 6 (B,G,S) (P Kaasley) D Chapman 4-9-8 ... M Knastey (5) [illegible]

BETTING: 13-8 Super Heights, 11-4 Sporting Spirit, 9-2 Rocky Bay, 5-1 Warren Street, 7-1 Persian Bud, 12-1 Nordross, 14-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

SUPER HEIGHTS beat Royal Acclaim neck in 12-runner amateur riders claimer here (AW, 1m 110yd) on penultimate start. WARREN STREET 7l 2nd of 9 to Blowedifiknow in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. ROCKY BAY 6¾l 3rd of 10 to Mohican Brave in claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m). PERSIAN BUD 6l 7th of 14 to Night Edition in amateur riders handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). NORDROSS 14l 3rd of 11 to Peak District in claimer over course and distance on penultimate start. SPORTING SPIRIT beat Barley Cake head in 10-runner amateur riders claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f) on penultimate start.
Selection: PERSIAN BUD

1.50 JACK HORNER HANDICAP (£3,132: 2m 46yd) (8 runners)

201 (4) 40-4112 CARROLLS MARC 16 (C,BF,F,G) (P P Electrics Ltd) P Haslam 6-9-11 ... J Weaver 86
202 (7) 311124 ARC BRIGHT 2 (CD,BF,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-9-8 ... L Dettori 93
203 (5) /835 LAABAS 7 (S) (J Nicholson) J Long 11-9-4 ... Paul Eddery 93
204 (6) 214050- MR POPPLETON 86J (G) (Mrs A Buxton) R Brotherton 5-8-13 ... A Mackay 84
205 (2) 63624-2 ROYAL PRINT 7 (Dalamere Partnership) W Muir 5-8-4 ... Kim McDonnell [illegible]
206 (3) 00/0-4 ACROW LINE 20J (F) (R Williams) D Burchell 9-8-2 ... R Price 90
207 (1) 565000/ TOP PRIZE 19J (Northgate Lodge Racing Ltd) M Brittain 6-7-8 ... G Bardwell –
208 (8) 5050-40 WOODMANS STAR 6 (Mrs E Sheehan) J Sheehan 4-7-7 ... J Quinn 97

Long handicap: Woodmans Star 7-5.

BETTING: 9-4 Carrolls Marc, 3-1 Arc Bright, 4-1 Royal Print, 6-1 Acrow Line, 8-1 Top Prize, 14-1 Laabas, 20-1 Mr Poppleton, Woodmans Star.

FORM FOCUS

CARROLLS MARC 3½l 2nd of 11 to Iota in claimer here (AW, 1m 7f). Previously beat Premier Dance 4l in 12-runner handicap here (AW, 1m 7f) with ACROW LINE (22lb better off) 7l 4th. ARC BRIGHT 5l 2nd of 11 to Milngavie in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m) with WOODMANS STAR (2lb worse off) 35l 10th on penultimate start. ROYAL PRINT ¾l 2nd of 13 to Bonnafier in claimer over course and distance with LAABAS (16lb worse off) 13l 5th.
MR POPPLETON 9l 5th of 6 to Prince Hannibal in handicap at Warwick (1m 4l 110yd, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: ROYAL PRINT

2.20 LITTLE BO PEEP CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 6f) (10 runners)

301 (2) 00/00- SEEMENOMORE 308 (K Warrington) B Preece 5-9-0 ... T Wall –
302 (6) 505-454 PRETONIC 6 (D,F,G) (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 6-8-12 ... J Weaver 90
303 (3) 1000-00 SLADES HILL 6 (D,F,G,S) (Oakfield Nurseries Partnership) T Barron 7-8-11 ... K Darley 87
304 (9) 000303- FARMER JOCK 67 (C,D,F,S) (S Thompson) Mrs N Macauley 12-8-9 ... A Clark 81
305 (1) 000-245 SOBA GUEST 13 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) (R Janks) J Berry 5-8-9 ... J Carroll [illegible]
306 (8) 1510-06 PRIME MOVER 14 (D,G) (P Knaalsey) D Chapman 6-8-7 ... J Fanning 86
307 (4) 045123 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 7 (B,CD,BF,G,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 6-8-6 ... L Dettori 95
308 (10) 0/0060-6 EVERSET 7 (D,F,G) (D Cosgrove) D Cosgrove 6-8-5 ... L Newton (5) 80
309 (7) 00500-0 AIR COMMAND 20J (G) (R Williams) D Burchell 4-8-3 ... R Price 77
310 (5) 04400-0 DAL MISS 13 (B) (F Lloyd) B Peacock 7-7-12 ... N Adams –

BETTING: 6-4 Simmie's Special, 4-1 Farmer Jock, 9-2 Soba Guest, 13-2 Pretonic, 10-1 Slades Hill, 12-1 Air Command 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

PRETONIC 3¼l 4th of 8 to Bunning Glimpse in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f) with SLADES HILL (13lb worse off) 10¾l 8th. FARMER JOCK 2¼l 3rd of 16 to Make Mine A Double in conditions race at Lingfield (AW, 6f). SOBA GUEST 7¾l 5th of 8 to Super Benz in seller race at Lingfield (AW, 6f) with DAL MISS (6lb better off) 17l 6th. Earlier 1l 2nd of 5 to Sez Devil in claimer over course and distance. SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 2¼l 3rd of 12 to Very Dicey in claimer here (AW, 5f) with EVERSET (1lb better off) 4¼l 6th. PRIME MOVER 6½l 6th of 12 to Super Heights in amateur riders claimer here (AW, 1m 100yd). SEEMENOMORE tailed off 13 of 14 to Jazilah in handicap at Nottingham (1m 1l 213yd, good).
Selection: SOBA GUEST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Johnston	6	15	40.0	J Weaver	9	39	23.1
J Harris	3	13	23.1	L Dettori	8	44	18.2
J Berry	4	21	19.0	S D Williams	3	17	17.6
P Haslam	3	17	17.6	G Bardwell	3	19	15.8
A Bailey	4	24	16.7	A Clark	3	21	14.3
E Alston	3	18	16.7	Paul Eddery	4	37	10.8

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.50 LITTLE MISS MUFFET MAIDEN STAKES (£3,348: 7f) (12 runners)

401 (11) 0560-06 DODDINGTON PLAYER 38 (J Bowes) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 ... S Perks 84
402 (10) 336000- DONTDRESSFORDINNER 110 (K O'Meara) D R Tucker 4-9-0 ... D Wright (5) 85
403 (6) 0050/0 FLIM FLAM ALY 7 (L Barratt) L Barratt 5-9-0 ... N Adams –
404 (1) 00-8530 M'BEBE 3 (V) (J Naughton) D Thom 4-9-0 ... L Dettori 92
405 (7) 02/40-04 NOEL 14 (B) (McMahon (Contractors Services) Ltd) J O'Shea 5-9-0 ... J Quinn 86
406 (12) 4000-20 VENTURE FOURTH 24 (V Minnes) E Alston 5-9-0 ... S Knott (7) [illegible]
407 (2) 84/0000- YOUNG MAX 272 (B) (Grove Inn Walcot) B Preece 5-9-0 ... T Wall 80
408 (3) 466-030 DOMOVOY 3 (I Glenton) D Nicholls 4-8-9 ... Alex Greaves 96
409 (5) 02000-3 GOLDEN SPHINX 27 (M Lewis-Jones, J Beer) K Bishop 4-8-9 Antoinette Armes (7) 86
410 (8) LADY ROMANCE 16J (M Jones) B Llewellyn 6-8-9 ... V Slattery –
411 (4) ONLY A SONG (Coffee Row Saddlery) J Jenkins 4-8-9 ... S Whitworth –
412 (9) 544/0-00 STAMSHAW 24 (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 5-8-9 ... J Bramhill (7) –

BETTING: 3-1 M'Bebe, 7-2 Domovoy, 4-1 Venture Fourth, 5-1 Noel, 6-1 Doddington Player, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

M'BEBE 19l 8th of 16 to Jamaica Bridge in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m) with DOMOVOY (same terms) 5l 13th. Previously 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Farndale in maiden here (AW, 6f).
NOEL 5¼l 4th of 13 to Spring Flyer in handicap here (AW, 1m 1l 110yd). VENTURE FOURTH 2¼l 2nd of 10 to Rad in maiden at Southwell (AW, 7f). DOMOVOY 5l 3rd of 10 to Whatever's Right in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. GOLDEN SPHINX 15l 3rd of 6 to Rapporteur in claimer at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f).
Selection: NOEL (nap)

3.20 LITTLE BOY BLUE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,951: 1m 100yd) (7 runners)

501 (6) 6000- PRINCESS SHERA 128 (F McKevitt) E Alston 9-7 ... J Quinn –
502 (1) 232412 KILLING TIME 2 (V,C,G) (Target Racing) A Forbes 8-13 ... S D Williams [illegible]
503 (4) 00-3 TREAD THE BOARDS 44 (G Martin) T Barron 8-3 ... J Fanning 92
504 (2) 000 IN DEMAND 17 (M Charlton) Mrs J Ramsden 8-3 ... B Russell (5) 80
505 (3) 050250- STORM HEIGHTS 114 (The Tangoers) M Brittain 8-2 ... G Bardwell 89
506 (7) 60445-6 CHILTERN SHOW 41 (A Bailey) A Bailey 7-12 ... A Mackay 88
507 (5) 0005-82 SKELTON PRINCESS 16 (G Bailey) R Hollinshead 7-9 ... A Garth (5) 94

BETTING: 5-4 Killing Time, 3-1 Tread The Boards, 4-1 Skelton Princess, 7-1 Storm Heights, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

PRINCESS SHERA 11l 9th of 21 to Market Side in maiden at Naas (6f, good to yielding). KILLING TIME ½l 2nd of 7 to Magic Junction in handicap over course and distance. TREAD THE BOARDS 7¾l 3rd of 13 to Espla in maiden here (AW, 6f). IN DEMAND 13l 6th of 9 to No Submission in claimer at Southwell (AW, 7f). STORM HEIGHTS best effort when 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Glorieste in nursery at Beverley (7f 110yd, good to soft). CHILTERN SHOW 35l last of 6 to Komplicity in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). SKELTON PRINCESS 3½l 2nd of 5 to Charlies Dream in claimer over course and distance.
Selection: KILLING TIME

3.50 HUMPTY DUMPTY AMATEUR RIDERS CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: £2,243: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

601 (9) 0-14412 TEMPERING 3 (D,F,G) (R Berenson) D Chapman 8-10-12 ... Miss R Clark (5) 95
602 (7) /05400/ WHEELER'S WONDER 26J (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 5-10-7 ... J L Llewellyn –
603 (6) 00500-0 GREEN'S SEAGO 12J (G) (B Welch) J Harris 6-10-6 ... M Marnish (7) 74
604 (8) 45-3525 GOLD SURPRISE 10 (S) (J Calvert) S Kettlewell 5-10-3 ... Mrs D Kettlewell (5) 86
605 (3) 00600-6 SPICE AND SUGAR 12J (S) (A Blackham) B Cambidge 4-10-1 ... J Cambidge 89
606 (5) 0- DISSIDENT DANCER 23B (J Lyth) J Peacock 5-9-11 ... Miss S Lea (7) –
607 (4) 203-044 NANCY 17 (B) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-9 ... Miss A Sanders (7) 88
608 (1) 135-502 RASAYEL 7 (G) (Pentons Haulage Ltd) P Evans 4-9-9 ... Miss Diana Jones [illegible]
609 (2) /0-00 WHITEHOUSE GEM 9 (B) (K Bebbington) R Peacock 11-9-9 ... Mrs C Peacock (7) –

BETTING: 11-8 Tempering, 3-1 Rasayel, 5-1 Gold Surprise, 6-1 Nancy, 10-1 Spice And Sugar, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

TEMPERING 5l 2nd of 8 to Top Shiel in claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). Previously beat Lady Confess 1½l in 8-runner claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f) with NANCY (1lb better off) 5l 4th. GOLD SURPRISE 9¾l 5th of 11 to Top Shiel in claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). SPICE AND SUGAR 6¾l 6th of 11 to Pop To Stans in handicap here (AW, 1m 110yd). RASAYEL 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Holy Wanderer in handicap over course and distance.
Selection: RASAYEL

4.20 JACK AND JILL HANDICAP (£3,028: 5f) (13 runners)

1 (4) 03042-1 SADDLEHOME 16 (CD,F,G) (K Shaw) T Barron 5-10-0 ... K Darley 97
2 (10) 026-362 SIR TASKER 7 (CD,F,G) (J Coupland) J Harris 6-9-13 ... L Dettori [illegible]
3 (13) 522305- COVENT GARDEN GIRL 149 (D,G,S) W G M Turner 4-9-10 ... P McCabe (5) 85
4 (1) 200000- THE INSTITUTE BOY 75 (B,D,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) W Barker 4-9-7 ... S Webster 90
5 (2) 240-550 PALLIUM 28 (B,E,CD,F,G) (W Kelly) M Naughton 6-9-5 ... Paul Eddery 96
6 (7) 866225 HERSHEBAR 7 (B,D,G) (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 4-9-3 ... B Strange (7) 98
7 (3) 00000-4 TRIOMING 42 (D,F) (A King) A Jones 8-8-12 ... Dale Gibson 94
8 (9) 6204-00 BREEZE AWAY 24 (B,F) (C Bamfather, F Steele) D Eddy 5-8-11 ... N Carlisle 90
9 (5) 0-00321 FARNDALE 21 (C,G) (J Hulme) J Berry 7-8-11 ... J Carroll 95
10 (8) 6-53130 HINARI VIDEO 16 (D,G,S) (Mark Johnston Racing Ltd) M Johnston 9-8-10 J Weaver 93
11 (12) 002-002 KALAR 20 (B,D,F,G) (E Stockdale) D Chapman 5-8-5 ... M Baird (7) 94
12 (6) 0300-00 TOMMY TEMPEST 7 (D,S) (P McGuiri) A Bailey 5-7-10 ... D Wright (5) 96
13 (11) 00-0635 BITOUT THE MIDDLE 16 (Mrs L Elton) J Harris 5-7-8 ... G Bardwell 96

BETTING: 11-4 Saddlehome, 7-2 Sir Tasker, 13-2 Kalar, 7-1 Hinari Video, 8-1 Hershebar, Pallium, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SADDLEHOME beat HERSHEBAR (7lb better off) 3l in 10-runner handicap over course and distance with BITOUTTHEMIDDLE (8lb better off) 2l 5th and HINARI VIDEO (9lb better off) 6l 9th.
SIR TASKER 1l 2nd of 12 to Very Dicey in claimer over course and distance with HERSHEBAR (8lb better off) 5l 5th and TOMMY TEMPEST (9lb better off) 2¼l 7th. FARNDALE beat Distant Dynasty 1½l in 8-runner maiden here (AW, 6f). HINARI VIDEO 5l 3rd of 7 to Spender in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f). KALAR ¾l 2nd of 7 to Croft Imperial in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f) with SIR TASKER (1lb better off) 7l 6th.
Selection: FARNDALE

Atone fails to catch outsider

ATONE *suffered a surprise* defeat in the Ir£12,000-added Frank Ward & Co Solicitors Chase at Punchestown yesterday (our Irish racing correspondent writes). Winner of The Ladbroke Hurdle and the Bailey's Arkle Cup Chase at Leopardstown, Atone seemed to have frightened away any realistic opposition and *started the 7-2 on favourite.*

At halfway Atone was over 30 lengths behind the 20-1 shot, Doorslammer. Over the next four fences he gradually reduced that deficit, but made a mistake at the penultimate fence, running down the jump. Kevin O'Brien straightened him again and set off in renewed pursuit, but was still two lengths adrift at the line.

His trainer, Bunny Cox, said: "I cannot accept that running as the winner got away from us, and on tacky ground Atone was not jumping with his usual fluency. The horse will still go to Cheltenham and I am sure he will run a much different race there."

Dorans Pride, getting 10lb from Idiots Venture, gained a half-length win over his old rival. Both hold Cheltenham engagements, and while Dorans Pride will run in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle, Aiden O'Brien is undecided about Idiots Venture.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SECOND CALL
(2.30 Fontwell Park)
Next best: Roc De Prince
(4.00 Fontwell Park)

JUMP LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	72	55	34	4	-27.26
Mrs M Reveley	69	59	34	8	-9.03
D Nicholson	58	41	25	2	+65.90
K Bailey	53	40	27	17	-13.62
N Twiston-Davies	48	37	35	10	-64.65
J White	40	25	26	10	-62.47
P Hobbs	39	29	26	10	+93.86
D Sherwood	32	21	20	3	+21.79
J Gifford	32	40	23	2	-0.82

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	125	111	63	2	+11.21
R Dunwoody	117	96	77	13	-82.75
J Osborne	78	58	41	4	-41.07
P Niven	65	52	30	6	-32.24
N Williamson	61	66	48	32	-85.96
G McCourt	50	38	30	1	-10.93
M A Fitzgerald	47	37	50	5	-78.11
D Murphy	42	38	32	8	-5.89
L Wyer	36	23	33	0	+46.19

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Maggies Lad. 2.30 Second Call. 3.00 Dancing Paddy. 3.30 General Merchant. 4.00 Gold Cap. 4.30 Strong Case.

GOING: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES SIS
(7.15AM INSPECTION)

2.00 MIDHURST CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,738: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1 512P DERISBAY 31 (B,F,G,S) J Bridger 6-11-12 ... D O'Sullivan 92
2 3436 NORTHERN TRIAL 74 K Burke 6-11-8 ... A Carroll [illegible]
3 0 ANNABEL'S BABY 151 D Wintle 5-11-3 ... P McDermott 75
4 12/ MAGGIES LAD 703F K Burke 5-11-2 ... M A Fitzgerald –
5 0003 BAYLORD PRINCE 17 (B) R Hoad 6-11-0 ... M Hoad 75
6 3266 CORINTHIAN GOD 117 (CD,F) D Wilson 5-11-0 ... D Murphy 98
7 0U NOTED STRAIN 18 D Bassett 6-11-0 ... S Arnold (7) –
8 64 MANON LESCAUT 14 J White 4-10-2 ... W McFarland 73

3-1 Northern Trial, 4-1 Corinthian God, Derisbay, 5-1 Manon Lescaut, 7-1 Maggies Lad, 12-1 Annabel's Baby, 14-1 Baylord Prince, 16-1 Noted Strain.

2.30 FONTWELL NOVICES CHASE (£2,266: 2m 2f) (9)

1 -1P2 IN THE NAVY 16 (F,G) M Pipe 8-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 92
2 0PP2 DEEP IN GREEK 21 D Williams 8-11-4 ... A Maguire 75
3 240F DUNKERY BEACON 12 H Howe 8-11-4 ... R Davis (3) –
4 P/0P KETFORD BRIDGE 20 R Dickin 7-11-4 ... D Meredith (3) –
5 /42P NICKSLINE 17 J Gifford 8-11-4 ... D Murphy 90
6 -P22 VAZON BAY 12 (B,BF,F) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-4 ... J Osborne 90
7 D00F WHYFOR 16 S Knight 6-11-4 ... D Salter (5) –
8 /PPP QUEENS CURATE 118 Mrs E Scott 7-10-13 ... B Powell –
9 1-2F SECOND CALL 20 (F,S) T Forster 5-10-4 ... R Farrant (3) [illegible]

2-1 Second Call, 5-2 In The Navy, 3-1 Vazon Bay, 4-1 Nicksline, 12-1 Deep In Greek, 20-1 Whyfor, 25-1 Dunkery Beacon, Ketford Bridge, Queens Curate.

3.00 NATIONAL SPIRIT CHALLENGE TROPHY HURDLE (£5,810: 2m 2f) (2)

1 1-51 DANCING PADDY 23 (CD,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-10-12 ... D O'Sullivan 98
2 20-3 OLYMPIAN 16 (B,CD,F,G) M Pipe 7-10-12 ... R Dunwoody [illegible]

4-6 Olympian, 5-4 Dancing Paddy.

☐ Walter Swinburn was injured at Sha-Tin, in Hong Kong, on Saturday after his mount, Owners Success, reared up and pinned him against the side of the starting stall. Swinburn gave up his other mounts and may miss the meeting on Wednesday, but hopes to be back for the Hong Kong Derby on Sunday.

3.30 WITTERING SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,441: 2m 3f) (11)

1 4F-3 STAR'S DELIGHT 4 (BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 12-12-7 L Reynolds (7) [illegible]
2 U-2P JAMES MY BOY 4 (G,S) W Clay 14-10-5 ... G McCourt 95
3 31-3 GENERAL MERCHANT 14 (B,C,F,G,S) R Hodges 14-10-5 ... R Dunwoody 92
4 12FP MO ICHI DO 20 (B,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-10-1 ... T Eley (5) 93
5 P6P6 RUSTIC GENT 40 (V,F) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0 ... N Williamson –
6 5-40 CHIAROSCURO 39 (S) P Hobbs 8-10-0 ... M Hourigan –
7 5226 OLD ROAD 20 (B,F,G,S) D Wintle 8-10-0 ... W Marston 93
8 5PS5 ON YOUR WAY 12 (V,G,S) Mrs L Jewell 12-10-0 ... A Maguire 85
9 P0P/ LEAVE IT OUT 705 R Frost 12-10-0 ... J Frost –
10 PUP- CHASING GOLD 296P A Dunn 8-10-0 ... Peter Hobbs –
11 5/PP MAJOR ELSTON 83 M Bolton 9-10-0 ... P Hide (3) –

2-1 Star's Delight, 5-2 General Merchant, 5-1 James My Boy, Mo Ichi Do, Old Road, 10-1 Rustic Gent, 12-1 others.

4.00 JOHN ROGERSON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,493: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 UV-3 ROC DE PRINCE 13 (G,S) M Pipe 11-12-0 ... R Dunwoody 96
2 1363 MISTER ED 49 (CD,F,G,S) R Curtis 11-11-11 ... D Morris 96
3 1421 LAKE TEEREEN 16 (F,G,S) R Rowe 9-11-5 ... T Grantham 93
4 FUP1 GOLD CAP 14 (CD,S) P Hobbs 9-11-2 ... G McCourt 92
5 2P26 ARMIO CHILONE 13 (D,G,S) J Gifford 8-10-11 ... D Murphy 96
6 2242 CYTHERE 16 (CD,S) J Gifford 10-10-8 ... P Hide (3) [illegible]

3-1 Cythere, 7-2 Lake Teereen, 4-1 Gold Cap, Mister Ed, 8-1 Armio Chilone, Roc De Prince.

4.30 FEBRUARY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,543: 2m 6f) (14)

1 -044 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 9 J Gifford 6-11-6 ... D Murphy [illegible]
2 -004 FLY GUARD 31 D Barons 7-11-6 ... J Frost 81
3 225 FOREST FEATHER 79 C Weedon 6-11-6 ... Peter Hobbs 92
4 GILLAN COVE R Alner 5-11-6 ... S Earle –
5 44-0 GRANGE CHIEF 149 O Sherwood 6-11-6 ... J Osborne 76
6 002 OUROWNFELLOW 14 R Curtis 5-11-6 ... D Morris 83
7 12-2 STRONG CASE 165F (G) M Pipe 6-11-6 ... R Dunwoody –
8 TULLYKYNE BELLS (V) L Snook 5-11-6 ... D Gallagher –
9 VENN BOY W G M Turner 5-11-6 ... T Murphy (7) –
10 0F30 ALICE SPRINGS 11 S Knight 5-11-1 ... Mr T Greed 63
11 005P ALTESSE ROXANNE 12 Mrs L Jewell 5-11-1 ... Mr B Pollock (7) –
12 050 HOT 'N ROSIE 70 D Gandolfo 5-11-1 ... P Holley –
13 0 KELLSBORO KATE 82 P Hobbs 7-11-1 ... M Hourigan –
14 4 SWEET MANATTE 19 B Palling 7-11-1 ... C Maude –

6-4 Strong Case, 3-1 Ourownfellow, 4-1 Brave Highlander, 6-1 Fly Guard, Forest Feather, 12-1 Gillan Cove, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman, 8 winners from 12 runners, 66.7%, T Forster, 6 from 17, 35.3%, M Pipe, 30 from 86, 34.9%, P Hobbs, 19 from 57, 33.3%, Miss S Wilton, 3 from 11, 27.3%, R Curtis, 16 from 67, 23.9%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 8 winners from 27 rides, 29.6%, J Frost, 20 from 74, 27.0%, G McCourt, 8 from 30, 26.7%, M Hoad, 3 from 12, 25.0%, D Morris, 19 from 79, 24.1%, Peter Hobbs, 16 from 74, 21.6%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good to soft

1.35 (2m hdle) 1, Dark Den (T Kent, 9-4 fav); 2, Prime Of Life (7-1); 3, The Premier Expres (9-2). 9 ran. NR: Call My Guest. 10l, 15l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote £4.20; £1.30, £1.80, £1.40. DF £12.90. CSF £17.11.

2.05 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Travelling Light (Mr S Swiers, 8-1); 2, Very Evident (12-1); 3, Lacurva (11-2). 4, Mac Rambler (25-1). Scarf 7-4 fav. 16 ran. 8l, ½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote £11.40; £2.70, £2.70, £1.70, £5.10. DF £55.30. CSF £97.65. Tricast £536.32.

2.35 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Miners Melody (Mr J Greenall, 8-13 fav); 2, Spartan Ranger (7-1); 3, Up The Ladder (14-1). 9 ran. Dist. 3½l. P Cheesbrough. Tote £1.50; £1.10, £1.40, £1.60. DF £5.80. CSF £5.69.

3.10 (2m ch) 1, Country Lad (S McNeill, 14-1); 2, Front Line (33-1); 3, Current Express (6-5 fav). 7 ran. 1l, 3½l. Mrs S Williams. Tote £12.10; £3.60, £5.70. DF £74.70. CSF £221.59.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, Highbrook (A Maguire, 15-8); 2, Strath Royal (3-1); 3, Coulton (11-8 fav). 4 ran. NR: Northern Saddler. 7l, 15l. M Tompkins. Tote £2.40. DF £2.70. CSF £5.92.

4.15 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Astings (M Dwyer, 11-8 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Young Miner (9-2); 3, Irish Bay (6-1). 7 ran. Hd, 7l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote £2.10; £2.10, £2.00. DF £6.10. CSF £7.78.

4.45 (2m flat) 1, Cavina (L Wyer, 6-1); 2, Who Is Equiname (3-1); 3, Pete The Parson (9-4 fav). 18 ran. 5l, 10l. N Graham. Tote £7.10; £2.30, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £18.50. Trio: £11.10. CSF £25.87. Placepot: £592.30.

Windsor

1.50 1, Spread Your Wings (3-1); 2, No Pain No Gain (8-11 fav); 3, Fortunes Course (33-1). 10 ran. NR Ramaiah.

2.25 1, New Ghost (6-1); 2, Mr Matt (6-4 fav); 3, Timur's King (25-1). 11 ran. NR: Hermes Harvest.

2.55 1, My Ballyboy (2-1, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Hostile Witness (11-10 fav); 3, Rich Life (7-1). 7 ran.

3.25 1, Black Humour (2-1); 2, Zeta's Lad (1-2 fav); 3, Gold Options (8-1). 3 ran. NR Toby Tobias.

3.55 1, Sailors Luck (Evens fav); 2, Nos Na Gaoithe (5-1); 3, Thats The Life (3-1). 4 ran. NR Sartorius.

4.25 1, Island Jewel (5-1); 2, Easthorpe (11-8 fav); 3, Furambulen (10-1). 8 ran.

Lingfield Park

2.20 1, Arkady (Evens fav); 2, Nineacres (20-1); 3, Monsieur Petong (9-2). 7 ran.

2.50 1, Soviet Express (5-1); 2, Gallery Artist (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Respectable Jones (7-2 jt-fav). 12 ran.

3.20 1, Surprise Guest (8-1); 2, Hair Trigger (11-2); 3, Just Harry (6-1). Success Story 9-4 fav. 7 ran.

3.50 1, Old Hook (14-1); 2, Dome Patrol (7-2); 3, Napoleon Star (7-1). Tovana 7-4 fav. 7 ran.

4.20 1, Slight Risk (2-1 fav); 2, Gaspian Beluga (4-1); 3, Exhibit Air (11-4). 5 ran.

4.50 1, Sarum (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Sharp Imp (20-1); 3, Anorak (4-1). Umbria 11-4 jt-fav. 8 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Jon's Choice (3-1); 2, Maple Bay (5-1); 3, Love Legend (6-4 fav). 5 ran.

7.30 1, Palacegate Jo (3-1); 2, Nordico Princess (5-1); 3, Dance Of The Swans (11-2). Dauntless Fort 9-4 fav. 10 ran.

8.00 1, Ashgore (4-1); 2, Kinlwyn (12-1); 3, Quinzii Martin (11-1). Second Colours 100-30 fav. 10 ran. NR: On Y Va.

8.30 1, Broughtons Formula (7-1); 2, Mingavie (11-8 fav); 3, Ambuscade (12-1). 7 ran.

9.00 1, Magic Junction (11-10 fav); 2, Killing Time (11-2); 3, Shuttlecock (10-1). 7 ran.

9.30 1, Premier Dance (7-2); 2, Mr Bean (11-2); 3, Najeb (33-1). Hasta La Vista 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

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Manchester United's treble ambitions survive physical test at Selhurst Park

Wimbledon untied by Cantona's deftest touches

Wimbledon 0
Manchester United 3

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER United and Wales for the triple crown? In football, the gulf between United and the rest widens ever further in their favour and, on a raw stark evening in south London, they took Wimbledon apart before a crowd of 27,511, two thirds of them wearing United's colours.

Their journey was worthwhile. United had scored three goals, Wimbledon had collected three yellow cards and there, in cold statistics, was that gulf. United played the football, Wimbledon wretchedly and ineptly tried to intimidate them and, once again, there was evidence aplenty that Alex Ferguson's United are not built to be bullied by anyone and probably have the class to claim the unique treble.

The victory was set up, once again, by Cantona. His goal three minutes before half-time was, even for him, a French classic. The ball had been played long from the left by Irwin, Elkins haplessly tried to head it away and Cantona, one touch to control, one to score, was a man playing in another dimension, his purpose clearly visible long before he lifted the ball in a delicate arc well out of the reach of Segers, the Dutch goalkeeper, from two yards outside the penalty area.

The game was already up. Significantly, Bobby Gould, who once managed Wimbledon, had confessed at half-time that, having tried to defend Vinnie Jones before the start, he was wrong. Jones: "committed suicide."

Suicide? It looked more like an attempt at murder when, in the 21st minute, he flew in with both feet, high and wide, at Cantona. The referee, David Elleray instantly issued the yellow card, as he did to Earle and Fitzgerald, both for violent fouls, before half-time.

That, though, was not the only area in which Wimbledon got it wrong. Their 4-3-3 formation was ambitious, but inadequately served. By playing three big forwards down the centre, they ignored the flanks, giving Fashanu and company no service.

Such was the disparity in skills that it could have been a landslide. Neither Cantona nor Giggs showed much appetite during the early ferocity, but Hughes, of course, relished it and only a magnificent tackle from Barton prevented him scoring in the eleventh minute. Only an improvised deflection by the foot of Segers denied the overlapping Keane.

Wimbledon, counting the takings which amounted to a club record of around £300,000, had little else to register in their favour. Thanks to Elleray's distribution of the yellow card, their aims were drawn and, in the second half, United went on to fillet their defence.

Giggs should have doubled the score shortly after the interval when, he was clean through with Segers stranded like a rabbit caught in a car's headlamps. Giggs stroked the ball beyond the goalkeeper, but amazingly managed to hit a post.

In the 62nd minute, Irwin, Giggs and Cantona produced a move that flickered the length of the field and ended with a pulsating header from Hughes, touched onto the crossbar by Segers. Denied only for a second, United then capitalised from the corner. Giggs curled it in with his left foot, Pallister headed it down eight yards out and Ince claimed his fourth goal of the season.

Finally came United's third. All bar three United defenders touched the ball in a rolling, mesmerising advance towards Segers. With the bulk of the crowd shouting "Olé", Irwin, holding a sponge to his blooded nose, decided his moment had come. He danced into the penalty area, flicked the ball from his right foot to his left and nonchalantly side-footed it inside the far post from ten yards.

"That didn't surprise me, I rate Irwin one of the unsung heroes of United, a team without a weak link," the Wimbledon manager, Joe Kinnear, admitted, "but what does amaze me is their level of consistency. Every week they churn it out and usually with something magnificent like the Cantona strike."

It was a complete performance and, from here United go on to Hillsborough on Wednesday, for the second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final to pick up the centre strand of their treble ambitions.

WIMBLEDON (4-3-3): H Segers — W Barton, S Fitzgerald, J Scales, G Elkins, — P Fear, V Jones, R Earle — D Holdsworth, J Fashanu, G Blissett.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, R Keane, P Ince, R Giggs — E Cantona (sub: B McClair, 73min), M Hughes (sub: D Dublin, 73)
Referee: D Elleray



In complete control. Coyle, the Bolton forward, beats Barrett, of Villa, yesterday. Report, page 19

Bolton set sights on Oldham and Cup semi-finals

FOR a footballer, the road to Wembley is long, demanding and tortuous, strewn with traps, potholes, hurdles and hazards. The luck of the draw can help, but it is still a tense business, particularly as the twin towers edge ever closer. It is not meant to be fun.

Clearly, though, nobody has told Bolton Wanderers. In successive rounds, they have been handed threatening opposition — Everton, Arsenal and Aston Villa — each time were expected to bow to the costlier talents of the FA Carling Premiership and each time have left their opponents in their wake, outplayed and out-thought. Yesterday, with Villa still licking their wounds at Burnden Park, Bolton, first out of the Football Association's velvet bag, were handed yet another plum tie, again at home, again against Premiership opposition. Oldham Athletic stand between Bolton and a place in the semi-finals — their first since 1958.

Although Oldham have begun to run into form and competently dismissed Barnsley's challenge on Saturday, Bolton's reaction oozed confidence. "Let's get the game on," Jason McAteer, the midfield player said. "There's no reason now why we can't go all the way."

"They [Oldham] hold no fears for us, not after the result today," David Lee, the Bolton winger, added. "We've played probably the best two teams in the Premier League, apart from Manchester United. We've got results against them, so there's no reason why we can't do it again."

United, still the Cup favourites with their odds shortening all the time, will nevertheless meet opposition from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division in the last eight after being drawn against the winner of the replay between Bristol City or Charlton Athletic. A visit to either Ashton Gate or The Valley might have caused a few flutters in Manchester, but the game will be at Old Trafford. United are now 11-8 on to win the Cup, the first odds-on favourites at this stage of the competition, and are just 6-4 to complete the clean sweep of championship, FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup.

West Ham United's reward for ending Kidderminster Harriers' adventure is a home draw with Luton Town, who survived a torrid afternoon in Cardiff yesterday, while Chelsea got the draw they wanted, a home fixture with either Wolverhampton Wanderers or Ipswich Town.

SIXTH ROUND

Bolton Wanderers v Oldham Athletic
Chelsea v Wolverhampton Wanderers or Ipswich Town
Manchester United v Bristol City or Charlton Athletic
West Ham United v Luton Town
Ties will be played on March 12, 13, 14
REPLAY DATES: Mar 2: Charlton v Bristol City, Ipswich v Wolves

FA CUP

West Ham end ambitions of minor interest

Kidderminster Harriers... 0
West Ham United 1

BY WALTER GAMMIE

LEE Chapman, the West Ham United match-winner, was standing in the tunnel at Aggborough Stadium, telling his tale, when a hoot of a locomotive sounded across a ground deserted except for swirling shreds of newspaper and the waste of exploded red and white balloons.

The Severn Valley steam railway special was saluting the end of the Harriers' adventure. The party was over. The FA Cup journey had ended a step from the quarter-finals. That Kidderminster now have a tough task to gain the GM Vauxhall Conference title they covet, was confirmed by news that wins by Southport and Kettering Town had dislodged them from the top after nine weeks.

Instead of playing in front of 30,000 at Upton Park in a replay, as had looked increasingly possible until Chapman's 69th-minute intervention, Kidderminster will, as Graham Allner, their manager, ruefully observed, be travelling to Merthyr Tydfil — likely attendance 700.

The longer the match remained goalless, Chapman admitted, the more vivid the fear of something horrible, one of those 30-yard shots from nowhere. Instead, Kidderminster were broken by one of their worst fears — a needless defensive mistake.

West Ham seized on space on the left as Holmes went down heavily in winning a challenge. Martin Allen laid the ball to Bishop, moved forward on to the return pass, and found Morley near the corner flag. Morley stroked the ball back to Rowland, whose high cross held up in the wind. Rose, the Kidderminster goalkeeper, advanced confidently from his line but as he prepared to spring and collect, realised the ball had drifted beyond his reach to Chapman, who balanced himself perfectly to send a gentle header into an unguarded net.

It was cruel on Rose. The goalkeeper and his back four had once again coped magnificently.

The recently returned Clive Allen looked rusty, his touches sound in intent but imperfectly weighted; his finishing in the first half snatched. As the second half started, Allen set himself up for a shot, pushed narrowly wide, and after Chapman outjumped the defence, Allen touched the ball towards goal only for Hodson to race and hack off the line.

Humphreys, running freely, led Kidderminster's attack with style. Martin's recall after a three-month lay-off with Achilles tendon trouble was a master stroke by Billy Bonds, even if he was bent double seeking breath towards the finish. Yet of the teams, it was Harriers who tired most clearly, lacking a cutting edge in their final push.

Too many crosses went astray when bodies were pushed forward in attack. Breacker nicked the ball away from Deakin to ensure Harriers' last chance came to nothing. An abiding image of the efforts that had exhausted Harriers was of Brindley, their centre half, flinging himself full length to clear a corner and picking himself up so swiftly that he blocked Bishop's follow-up shot. As Brindley charged again, Bishop, who had rashly belittled Kidderminster's challenge before the match, panically sent the ball high into the crowd.

The players had proved their right to live with the full-timers. If Kidderminster help to ensure justice is done to Conference clubs, theirs can rightly be hailed as the most significant cup run of them all.

KIDDERMINISTER HARRIERS (4-4-2): K Rose — S Hodson, C Brindley, M Weir, P Bancroft — N Cartwright (sub: J Deakin, 79 min), P Granger, R Forsyth, J Purdie — P Davies, D Humphreys.
WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, A Martin, S Potts, K Rowland — M Marsh, I Bishop, M Allen, M Holmes — L Chapman, C Allen (sub: T Morley, 63)
Referee: G Pooley

Oxford pay for losing star pupil Magilton

Oxford United 1
Chelsea 2

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE savage satisfaction of a grievance borne out by the details of defeat was granted to the supporters of Oxford United on Saturday. As they streamed back down Headington Hill towards the city's spires, their dreams of the twin towers extinguished, they nursed the eviscerating knowledge of self-inflicted defeat.

In one 84th-minute thud of ball against cross bar, their hopes of an FA Cup fifth round replay and the chance to repeat their giant-killing of Leeds United in the previous round were dashed.

The Chelsea support, crammed into the Cuckoo Lane End, perched in trees, clustered on a rooftop, swayed and yelled with delight, unaware of the rich irony of Mike Ford's penalty miss. Oxford's regular penalty taker was missing. Jim Magilton, the Gazza look-alike who once ran their midfield, scored 17 spot-kicks in succession for his club and for Northern Ireland. Amid much gnashing of teeth and laments about the stupidity of selling one's best player in the middle of a cup run, he was traded to Southampton ten days ago for £600,000.

They missed his strolling influence in midfield when Chelsea gave the impression they were there for the taking.

Mickey Lewis did his best to deputise and Joey Beauchamp threatened to embarrass Andy Myers on the right flank, but Oxford, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division's bottom club, lacked orchestration and real thrust down the centre.

The extent of their folly became clear when, having survived the loss of two defenders and the disappointment of seeing Beauchamp's clinical fifth-minute finish overtaken, they earned their chance of redemption in the closing minutes when Gavin Peacock swatted away a goal-bound header from Matt Elliott with his hand.

"I looked at John Byrne when we got the penalty and he didn't fancy it so I took the responsibility myself," Ford, reflecting on his first, and probably last, penalty for the club, said. "It was very disappointing because we all felt we deserved at least a draw."

Denis Smith, the Oxford manager, said Magilton had missed his last two kicks and might not have taken the penalty anyway, but it sounded like a hollow excuse from an honest man.

Perhaps Smith had been seduced by the atmosphere in the town, the transience of a population dominated by students who stay for three or four years and then move on to begin their careers in earnest.

He should have known better than to allow a pupil to drop out on the verge of finals. Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, seems to have learned that particular lesson already. Both John Spencer, who scored the equalizer with a turn and shot from the edge of the area, and Craig Burley, who struck the 30th-minute winner with a sweet 25-yard left-foot shot that whistled inside Philip Whitehead's post, were set to leave this season, but Hoddle hung on to them.

Spencer was wanted by Stoke City, Burley by Coventry City. Only Bobby Gould's abrupt departure prevented the latter going through.

"Both said they wanted to stay with the club, but they both wanted first team football," Hoddle said. "That was something I could not give them at the time, but since then, their attitude, and particularly Spencer's hunger for the game, have been an example to everyone.

"Today, especially, I'm glad they stayed."

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Whitehead — L Robinson (sub: G Smart, 14min), M Elliott, M Ford, A Rogan (sub: N Cusack, 37) — J Beauchamp, R Ford, M Lewis, A Dyer — C Allen, J Byrne.
CHELSEA (4-1-3-2): D Kharine — S Clarke, E Johnsen, J Kjeldberg, A Myers — E Newton — D Wise, G Peacock, C Burley (sub: D Hopkin, 90) — M Stein, J Spencer.
Referee: A Wilkie.

Veteran Ritchie strikes after Royle command

Oldham Athletic 1
Barnsley 0

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

SINCE reaching the semi-finals of the FA Cup four years ago as a second division club, in what Joe Royle called their "pinch me season", Oldham Athletichave lost three successive ties to lower division clubs. Barnsley gave them a right old battle, and it was only after an appalling first half that Oldham roused themselves to reach the quarter-finals.

"We had words," was Royle's coded account of his heated half-time briefing. He claimed he was "disgusted" with his team's showing until then. Geed-up by their manager, they scored a superb goal, rattled post and bar and, no less important, traded kick for kick in a nasty, often spiteful encounter.

Royle played his hand well, too. Four minutes after sending on Andy Ritchie as a fourth forward, to press against the left side of Barnsley's five-man defence, the substitute shot high into the net from 25 yards. It was a striking reminder of this admirable footballer's value to Oldham.

Some day, and it cannot be far off, Ritchie and Graeme Sharp will hang up their boots for good. Both men turned 33 at the end of last year, yet, with McCarthy cup-tied and Olney a long-term convalescent, they are crucial members of a team fighting on two fronts. Avoiding relegation is the priority; the Cup is a pleasing divertion.

"If you keep winning", Royle reasoned, "the Cup is never a distraction." They have now won four successive games and are unbeaten in six, a comforting groove at this stage of the season. The immediate consequence of this latest victory must be the rearrangement of their home match against Tottenham Hotspur, scheduled for March 12, the date of the sixth round.

In his autumn years, Sharp remains a handful for defenders and would have added a fine goal when Ritchie, released along the right, supplied a smart cross. Sharp, charging through the middle, met it 20 yards out with a firm volley, but Butler fisted the ball over the bar.

That was one of the few occasions when the goalkeeper was tested. Bernard headed wide from a good position in front of goal in the first half and slid Beckford's cross against the post from a better one when it was easier to open the scoring. Four minutes after Ritchie's goal, Jobson headed mightily against the bar from Bernard's cross.

On other days, Barnsley would have been awarded a penalty for Hallworth's manhandling of Payton, who had charged down an intended hoof upfield. Scrambling around on the turf like a man looking for his spectacles in a dark room, Hallworth appeared to grab Payton's ankles to prevent him turning to shoot. Mr Watson allowed it.

Redfearn, who was given a warm welcome by the Oldham fans, who remember the penalty he scored against Sheffield Wednesday to clinch the second division championship three years ago, led Barnsley with spirit. Although they camped in the Oldham area for much of the last five minutes, the pinball hit the wrong cushions.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-3-3): J Hallworth — C Makin, C Fleming, R Jobson, N Pointon (sub: T Pedersen, 28min) — N McDonald (sub: A Ritchie, 57), M Milligan, P Bernard — D Beckford, G Sharp, R Holden
BARNSLEY (5-3-2): L Butler — N Eaden, G Fleming, G Taggart, C Bishop, O Archdeacon — D Wilson, B O'Connell, N Redfearn — A Rammell, A Payton.
Referee: J Watson.



Ritchie: 25-yard goal

Defensive Ipswich spoil Wolverhampton's party

Wolverhampton W 1
Ipswich Town 1

BY KEITH PIKE

THE air in Wolverhampton Wanderers' corner of the Black Country positively reeks of ambition, and two hours before kick-off on Saturday supporters on the manicured pavements outside Molineux were alive with anticipation of the club's biggest day for a dozen years.

The appearance of Sir Jack Hayward, their Bahamas-based benefactor, for a back-slapping, hand-grabbing, touchline tour only heightened the atmosphere, so much so that even the ball-boys received the next best thing to a standing ovation as they trotted to the centre circle. There was not a seat to be had in Wolves' magnificent new stadium. It promised to be an FA Cup afternoon to savour.

Then Ipswich Town arrived, like parents returning unannounced to a teenager's party, and expectations went downhill faster than Tommy Moe. The Premiership side, attempting to squeeze the life out of this fifth-round tie, came within eight minutes of succeeding. Not for the first time this season, and probably not for the last, Mick McGiven, the Ipswich team manager, was forced to try to defend his side's tactics, and again his answers were tetchy and unconvincing. "If Wolves had five men forward we would have six back," he said. "If they had seven, we would have eight. We nearly caught them on the break five times." This, in other words, was Ipswich at their Suffolkating best.

Arsenal having proved that pragmatism has its place among the fantasy of the FA Cup, it will be McGiven who has the last laugh if Ipswich reach Wembley. Yet when they are in the mood, Ipswich can play. They showed that against Tottenham Hotspur in the last round. They did on Saturday — for 20 minutes.

But even before John Wark, that inspirational veteran, had given them the lead just before the half-hour, the shutters were already being pulled down. Stockwell and Neil Thompson, the full backs, had abandoned the forays that had helped give Ipswich's early raids such fluency. After Wark's goal, a simple volley from eight yards out when Stowell flapped at a corner, there was more chance of persuading Scrooge to come out and play.

Their lead preserved by two outstanding saves from Forrest — a brave dash from the line to block, and a gravity-defying leap to turn a header round a post, with Andy Thompson the victim each time — Ipswich sat back, leaving Marshall and Kiwomya isolated 40 yards upfield, and were content just to repel Wolves' increasingly desperate raids.

With Wark a model of efficiency, they looked like doing so until Regis laid Blades's cross into the path of Kelly to signal an explosion of relief from the Wolverhampton supporters.

Given that their first division colleagues have sprung so many of this season's Cup surprises away from home, Wolves should travel to Portman Road on Wednesday week with optimism. They will surely possess more ambition than their weekend visitors.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — P Blades, P Shirtliff, M Venus — M Rankine (sub: R Dearden, 73min), K Keen, D Ferguson, C Marsden, A Thompson — D Kelly, G Regis.
IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — M Stockwell, J Wark, D Linighan, N Thompson — E Youds, G Williams, S Palmer, S Slater (sub: P Mason, 88) — I Marshall, C Kiwomya (sub: B Guentchev, 86)
Referee: S Lodge.



Wark: inspirational

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Disputed winner puts Luton in last eight

Cardiff City 1
Luton Town 2

By Keith Pike

THE passing game that carried Luton past Newcastle United in the fourth round proved too good for Cardiff yesterday as the first division side secured its place in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup. There, though, the similarities of victory ended.

Where, at Kenilworth Road, Kevin Keegan had been the first to shake David Pleat, the Luton manager, by the hand and Newcastle's Toon Army accepted defeat by the better team on the night, Ninian Park was a foul-mouthed monument to the manner in which some clubs refuse to accept defeat.

The controversy came with Luton's winning goal, in the 71st minute, four minutes after Cardiff had dragged themselves back into a tie that had seemed beyond them. Hartson played the ball through to Preece, who was onside, but as Hughes ran back from beyond the last defender, Cardiff claimed to a man that he was interfering with play. The flag stayed down, and Preece ran on to side-foot past the helpless Kite.

Three times Eddie May, the Cardiff manager, claimed that his side had been cheated by the decision.

"The player running back must have been interfering, and the referee should have overruled the linesman," he said. "I don't care how much hot water I get into for saying so, but we have been cheated and it has cost the club and players a lot of money."

His chairman, Rick Wright, was equally incensed. "The linesman should be charged with bringing the game into disrepute," Wright said. "It is not his job to decide whether a player is interfering, and his decision has cost us a place in the next round."

Wright, of course, is wrong, as both Pleat and Roger Dilkes, the referee, were quick to point out. "We have had a directive for a number of weeks covering exactly this instance," Dilkes said. "The player was deemed not to be interfering, and the linesman was quite correct to make the decision."

The linesman involved, Brian Rice, had to endure not just verbal abuse for his pains, but missiles as well. There were three pitch invasions of varying numbers and only the introduction of mounted police and dog handlers prevented another serious outbreak of crowd trouble at the end of the match.

Even so, Cardiff — with a suspended fine hanging over them for the repeated excesses of their followers — could find themselves in deeper trouble as a result of yesterday's events, although Dilkes would not say whether he would be reporting the trouble to the FA.

Inevitably, the controversy will detract from another performance by Luton that suggests West Ham United will have their work cut out in the quarter-finals.

Luton's first-half goal came when Preece found Oakes and the youngster, whose earlier crossing had left much to be desired, cut inside before beating Grew at his near post.

Cardiff, without Blake — sold on Friday to Sheffield United — to unlock a defence in which Dreyer was outstanding, and having had to replace their injured goalkeeper at half-time, should by then have been out of contention. Instead they were unexpectedly back in the match in the 67th minute when Stant, also a substitute, swivelled to hit a fine volley past Sommer after Thompson had headed down Brazil's cross.

Equality, and the senses of Cardiff's supporters, lasted only briefly. The FA Cup, it has to be said, is better off without them.

It was later reported that one steward had to be taken to hospital after having ammonia sprayed in his eyes by Luton supporters and another had suffered a fractured thumb.

CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): M Grew (sub: P Kite 45min) — D Brazil, J Perry, L Baddeley, D Searle — A Bird, N Richardson, P Millar, C Griffith — C Dale (sub: P Stant 54), G Thompson.
LUTON TOWN (4-4-2): J Sommer — D Linton, T Peake, J Dreyer, J James — P Telfer, A Harper, D Preece, C Hughes — J Hartson (sub: K Dixon 71), S Oakes.
Referee: R Dilkes.

Tide refuses to change for luckless Hibernian

Football matches, just like people, have a personal history. The Edinburgh derby's record is one of delinquency, with skilful players generally cast as the victims. Despite the occasional attempt to mend its ways, the risk of recidivism is always high. There were four bookings before half-time in the encounter yesterday and only a desire to avoid wearing out his yellow card can explain the referee's decision to spare other offenders.

Over recent years, however, the mayhem has produced remarkably regular consequences. In 20 matches since 1989, Hibernian have failed to beat Heart of Midlothian. Those statistics turned one end of Easter Road, at the Tennents Scottish Cup fourth-round tie yesterday, into a numerologists' convention. The visiting supporters claimed this was bound to be a 21st party.

They were right. Nothing other than predestination could explain a 2-1 victory for Hearts. Consider the evidence: they managed only a couple of shots on target all afternoon but both hit the net. The winner was delivered four minutes from the end by a substitute, Wayne Foster, who had not scored a goal in the past two seasons.

These derby matches have festooned John Robertson's career with goals. His opener, after two minutes, was the twentieth time he has scored against Hibs. The last couple of years have not been particularly good for the muscular little forward, who has drifted out of international competition and parted company with his best form.

In the circumstances, he must look forward to this gruelling contest as if it possesses the restorative powers of a week on a health farm. There was certainly a fresh glow on his face after he had slyly dabbed in Tosh McKinlay's low cross.

Keith Wright's headed equaliser, three minutes from the interval, only constituted a temporary repair for Hibs.

The victors now face a trip to Ibrox in the quarter-finals on March 12. Hearts were beaten by Rangers in the semi-final of the competition last season and there is no reason to think that the Glasgow side will be stricken by fallibility this time.

Hearts were inflamed by the sheer, joyous cheek of their utterly unmerited victory. Extreme emotional reactions of a different order saw hooliganism among the home support which had to be quelled by some vigorous policing.

The fixation with a traditional battle, however, distracts Edinburgh's football supporters from the truth. It is still difficult to envisage the capital making an important contribution to the game in Scotland. Since the late 1970s, we have looked instead to Aberdeen and Dundee United to provide relief from the Old Firm domination.

Hibs are perhaps due less blame, ensuring that the League Cup has arrived twice in the city since the early 1970s. They even produced sprightly football yesterday and worked the play around the pitch with a fluency which eluded Hearts. Nonetheless, they lost. The hardiness which wins competitions is still beyond their grasp.

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

Edinburgh has always divided its strength. Lacking the population of the west of Scotland, it still aspires to the funding of two clubs who are supposed to rival the Old Firm. Given that the attempts of Wallace Mercer, the Hearts' chairman, in 1991 to bring about a merger almost led to insurrection in the streets it may be deduced that the *status quo* will not be altered.

In results, if not performance, Hearts are beginning to indicate that they can edge away from relegation. Starved of cash, facing the demands of the Taylor Report, and subject to takeover speculation, true success will be hard to achieve.

Regularly tormenting Hibs is not enough.

DRAW

Airdrieonians v Dundee United or Motherwell
Kilmarnock v Dundee
Rangers v Heart of Midlothian
St Johnstone or Stirling Albion v Aberdeen

Ties to be played on March 12

Replay date: Mar 1: Motherwell v Dundee United. Re-arranged tie: Mar 1: St Johnstone v Stirling Albion

United's lead whittling away

Rare goal by May helps Blackburn to stay on course



Peter Ball on the Premiership title credentials of a team that has refused to give up the chase

THE gap continues to close. David May's first Premiership goal of the season for Blackburn Rovers, 14 minutes from the end of a tense match against Newcastle United on Saturday, cut Manchester United's lead at the top of the FA Carling Premiership to seven points.

"Realistically, you have to say they can catch United, but I wouldn't get too carried away by the prospect. I wouldn't call it a race just yet," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said after seeing his side's dismal run extended by a 1-0 defeat at Ewood Park. "But then I said United were certain winners before Christmas."

By the time United pick up the reins of Premiership football again next weekend after their cup commitments, the margin could be even narrower. Blackburn are away to Norwich City tomorrow. If they win that, even Keegan will have to admit that the race is on.

United will still be favourites, but a four-point lead with a visit to Ewood Park still to come is a far cry from the days when they stood surveying the field with a 15-point advantage over the team below them, and they could start looking nervously over their shoulders.

They would not be the first team to fall down through commitments on too many fronts, as Leeds United supporters of a certain age can testify.

The victory on Saturday extended Blackburn's run to ten wins out of the last 11 Premiership matches, championship form in anybody's book. Perhaps most significantly, the win came without a flowing performance. Blackburn instead showing their championship credentials by prevailing in the sort of tight game which lesser teams draw or lose.

Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, said: "It wasn't our best performance, but we were determined; we proved that we want to play and get a result. We hung on in there and got the goal in the end."

After a run of three defeats in their previous four games, including an FA Cup exit at the hands of Luton Town, of the first division, and a 4-2 pasting at Wimbledon, Newcastle went back to basics, and made things difficult for the home team on a bitterly cold afternoon.

Without Cole, and with Fox held in check by Le Saux, the outstanding player on the pitch, they hardly functioned as an attacking force, but their midfield and central defenders scrapped as one to ensure that Blackburn could never settle. Not exactly search and destroy, but certainly hustle and harry, ensuring that the game never took off as a spectacle.

"It wasn't the classic it could have been," Keegan said. "But after the game at Wimbledon, this was more like us. Instead of 11 individuals trying to win their individual battles, we were a unit. I don't think we created as much as we could, but they don't concede very much, they are a good side and they ground out a result."

Most tellingly, on this occasion they did so without Shearer's usual decisive intervention. Venison and Howey ensured that he was restricted to only one real chance, an early side-foot effort from Gallacher's cross which passed just the wrong side of the post.

By three-quarter time, a goalless draw, and mirth in Manchester, looked increasingly likely. But with their best forward stifled, the central defenders took a hand to answer the calumny that Blackburn are a one-man team and claim the vital points.

First, Moran, who continues to belie his 37 years, went forward to meet Le Saux's free kick with a firm header. It looked a goal all the way, but somehow Srnicek flew across to claw the ball out.

From the corner, it was May's turn. The kick itself was dealt with, but Batty, who had rivalled Le Saux as Blackburn's man of the match, put the ball back in and May was there to drive it home with a certainty Shearer would have been happy to claim.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, D May, K Moran, G Le Saux — S Ripley, D Batty, M Atkins, J Wilcox (sub: A Wright 72min) — K Gallacher, A Shearer.
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — S Watson, B Venison, S Howey, J Beresford — R Fox, L Clark, R Elliott, S Sellars — P Beardsley, R Lee.
Referee: K Burge.



MICHAEL MAYHEW

Le Saux, Blackburn's best player on Saturday, celebrates their winning goal

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Challenge Cup

Fifth round

BRISTOL C (1) 1 Tinnion 12; 20,416 — CHARLTON (0) 1 Robson 59
KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0; 8,000 — WEST HAM (0) 1 Chapman 69
OLDHAM (0) 1 [illegible] 61 — BARNSLEY (0) 0; 15,685
OXFORD UTD (1) 1 Beauchamp 5; 10,787 — CHELSEA (2) 2 Spencer 22, Burley 30
WOLVES (0) 1 [illegible] 81; 28,234 — IPSWICH (1) 1 Wark 28

Yesterday

BOLTON (0) 1 [illegible] 82 — A VILLA (0) 0; 18,817
CARDIFF (0) 1 Stant 65; [illegible] — LUTON (1) 2 Oakes 39, Preece 70
WIMBLEDON (0) 0; 27,511 — MAN UTD (1) 3 Cantona 42, Ince 63, Irwin 71

FA Carling Premiership

BLACKBURN (0) 1 May 76 — NEWCASTLE (0) 0; 21,269
COVENTRY (0) 4 [illegible] — MAN CITY (0) 0; 11,735
EVERTON (0) 1 Cottee 81; [illegible] — ARSENAL (0) 1 Merson 56
LEEDS (1) 2 [illegible] 10, [illegible] 87 — LIVERPOOL (0) 0; 40,053
SWINDON (2) 3 [illegible] — NORWICH (2) 3 Sutton 10, Newman 41, Goss 83

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1 [illegible]	28	9	5	0	26	10	11	2	1	31	15	67
2 [illegible]	28	10	3	1	22	9	8	3	2	20	11	60
3 [illegible]	29	7	5	2	19	9	5	7	3	15	7	48
4 [illegible]	28	9	3	1	26	13	3	7	5	15	16	46
5 [illegible]	28	7	3	3	25	10	6	3	6	22	20	45
6 [illegible]	28	7	2	5	19	12	5	6	3	17	15	44
7 [illegible]	29	8	4	2	26	16	4	4	7	22	24	44
8 [illegible]	28	6	6	2	30	17	5	4	5	22	20	43
9 [illegible]	28	5	6	4	21	13	7	6	2	35	23	42
10 [illegible]	27	5	6	4	25	18	3	3	6	17	18	39
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13 [illegible]	28	5	5	4	15	16	4	4	6	10	19	36
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18 [illegible]	28	5	5	4	14	12	1	4	9	12	24	26
19 [illegible]	28	5	4	6	17	26	2	3	8	7	21	26
20 [illegible]	29	4	4	6	21	22	2	5	8	9	21	25
21 [illegible]	28	3	7	4	14	16	2	3	9	8	27	25
22 [illegible]	28	2	6	6	14	15	0	5	9	8	27	23
23 [illegible]	29	4	6	4	21	22	0	6	9	9	24	23?
24 [illegible]	29	4	5	7	20	32	0	6	8	14	38	23

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws 0 Bangor [illegible] Vale 3 Maesteg Park 3; Flint Town Utd 3 [illegible] Llanelli 2 Aberystwyth 1; Llansantffraid [illegible] 5 Newtown 1 Connah's Quay 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 0 [illegible] 2 Chesham 2 Basingstoke 1; Enfield 4 [illegible] 2 Hayes 3 Dorking 2; Hendon 0 Sutton [illegible] Kingstonian 3 Hitchin 5 Marlow 3 Grays [illegible] Dulwich 0, Stevenage Borough 3 St [illegible] Wivenhoe 2 Harrow 3, Wokingham 1

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 Frain 59 (pen), Saville 61; 12,913 — NOTTS CO (1) 3 McSwegan 24, Wilson 67, Legg 81
NOTTM FOR (0) 1 Bohinen 66; 24,232 — C PALACE (0) 1 Matthew 76
PETERBORO (1) 1 Bradshaw 6; 7,428 — STOKE (1) 1 Gleghorn 45
PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 Creaney 21, 25 (pen), 46; 7,794 — GRIMSBY (0) 1 Groves 83
WATFORD (2) 3 Bazeley 23, Ashby 26, Furlong 64; 8,277 — DERBY (1) 4 Watson 18 (og), Kitson 62, Johnson 80, Gabbiadini 86
WEST BROM (1) 1 Fenton 8; 18,513 — LEICESTER (1) 2 Roberts 44, Ormondroyd 80

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1 C Palace	30	10	3	1	27	12	6	4	6	24	23	55
2 Leicester	30	10	4	1	36	19	5	3	7	15	19	52
3 Charlton	29	10	2	3	23	9	5	4	5	16	17	51
4 Millwall	29	10	4	1	26	11	4	4	6	15	22	50
5 Derby	30	11	0	3	32	17	4	4	8	18	28	49
6 Nottm For	29	6	7	2	23	15	7	2	5	24	18	48
7 Tranmere	30	10	2	3	30	16	4	4	7	12	20	48
8 Stoke	30	9	2	3	22	14	3	6	7	17	30	44
9 Southend	30	7	3	5	25	19	6	1	8	20	23	43
10 Notts Co	30	10	1	3	26	16	3	3	10	17	34	43
11 Wolves	29	7	6	2	24	13	3	7	4	18	16	43
12 Bolton	30	7	5	2	24	15	4	4	8	15	28	42
13 Bristol C	30	7	4	4	19	15	4	5	6	13	18	42
14 Portsmouth	30	7	5	3	20	13	3	6	6	15	25	41
15 Sunderland	29	9	2	4	21	13	3	5	9	9	23	38
16 Middlesbro	28	6	5	3	22	11	3	5	6	16	20	37
17 Grimsby	28	3	10	1	17	11	4	4	6	19	25	35
18 Luton	28	8	0	5	23	14	2	5	8	13	22	35
19 West Brom	31	6	6	4	28	22	2	3	10	15	27	33
20 Watford	31	6	4	6	29	28	3	3	10	17	34	31
21 Barnsley	29	4	3	8	16	21	4	4	6	21	24	31
22 Birmingham	31	6	5	5	19	20	1	2	11	13	28	28
23 Peterboro	29	5	7	4	17	13	1	3	9	9	22	28
24 Oxford Utd	30	5	3	7	19	27	1	5	9	13	30	26

Yeading 2. First division: Berkhamsted 2 Windsor & Eton 1; Bishops Stortford 2 Purfleet 3; Bognor Regis 1 Uxbridge 0; Boreham Wood 1 Abingdon 1; Croydon 0 Worthing 7; Leyton 1 Maidenhead 1; Ruislip Manor 1 Billericay 1; Staines 1 Barking 3; Tooting & Mitcham 0 Chalfont St Peter 0; Whyteleafe 1 Walton & Hersham 4. Second division: Aveley 1 Hampton 0; Barton 0 Aldershot Town 1; Chertsey 1 Edgware 1, Egham 0 Collier Row 0; Metropolitan Police 1 Banstead Athletic 3; Newbury 3 Thame 3; Rainham 0 Hungerford 3; Saffron Walden 3 Leatherhead 2; Tilbury 1 Malden Vale 2, Ware 1 Lewes 1; Witham 0 Hemel Hempstead 3. Third division: Camberley 1 Northwood 0; Cove 2 Harlow 0; Epsom & Ewell 3 Harefield 2; Flackwell Heath 1 Royston 2; Hertford 3 Feltham & Hounslow 0; Horsham 1 Cheshunt 1; Leighton 1 Kingsbury 0; Oxford City 5 Clapton 0; Southall 1 Hornchurch 1, Tring 1 East Thurrock 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 4 Bashley 0; Chelmsford 1 Nuneaton 1; Dorchester 1 Crawley 2; Farnborough 2 Cambridge City 2; Gloucester 0 Trowbridge 1, Gresley Rovers 0 Hednesford 2; Halesowen 2 Burton 2; Moor Green 1 Hastings 0, Sittingbourne 1 Cheltenham 3; Waterlooville 2 Corby 1, Worcester 0 Solihull 4. Southern division: Ashford 2 Sudbury 2; Braintree 2 Tonbridge AFC 1, Buckingham 0 Fisher 93 0; Burnham 1 Salisbury 2; Canterbury 0 Newport IOW 4, Dunstable 1 Gravesend & Northfleet 4; Erith & Belvedere 0 Baldock 1; Fareham 3 Bury Town 1; Wealdstone 1 Poole 2, Weymouth 0 Havant 3, Witney 1 Margate 1. Midland division: Bridgnorth 0 Clevedon 0; Forest

Second division

BLACKPOOL (1) 4 Bonner 24, Watson 48, 63, 80 — WREXHAM (1) 1 Taylor 42; 4,069
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0; 3,201 — HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
EXETER (0) 0; 2,758 — BRADFORD (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 0; 5,063 — BRISTOL R (1) 1 Taylor 23
HULL (0) 2 Allison 84, Windass 87 — CAMBRIDGE (0) 0; 4,090
L ORIENT (0) 3 Bogie 59, Carter 63, Putney 65 — BURNLEY (1) 1 Parkinson 28; 5,201
PORT VALE (1) 2 Taylor 29, Lowe 61 — PLYMOUTH (1) 1 Marshall 8; 9,093
READING (1) 2 Hopkins 22, Quinn 88 — BRENTFORD (1) 1 Thompson 15; 9,056
ROTHERHAM (1) 2 Jacobs 19, Goodwin 51 — YORK (0) 1 Blackstone 53; 3,816
STOCKPORT (2) 3 Robinson 12 (og), Francis 21, 63 — HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0; 5,071

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Reading	31	12	3	1	32	12	7	4	4	30	20	64
2 Stockport	28	12	0	3	35	13	4	6	3	13	14	54
3 Bristol R	30	6	6	3	21	18	9	2	4	20	17	53
4 Plymouth	28	9	4	1	31	17	5	4	5	21	20	50
5 Burnley	30	12	1	2	34	13	3	4	8	16	24	50
6 Port Vale	28	9	4	1	31	13	5	4	5	16	16	50
7 Brentford	31	7	5	3	20	13	6	6	4	22	15	50
8 Hull	31	7	5	4	24	15	6	2	7	20	28	46
9 L Orient	31	9	5	2	27	16	3	4	8	15	27	45
10 York	31	6	5	4	19	11	6	3	7	23	20	44
11 Bradford	30	8	3	4	23	14	4	5	6	16	23	44
12 Blackpool	32	10	2	5	32	25	2	2	11	16	30	40
13 Cambridge	31	6	5	4	22	15	4	3	9	19	32	38
14 Bournemouth	28	5	5	5	17	18	4	6	3	15	14	38
15 Swansea	28	6	6	2	21	13	3	3	8	11	23	36
16 Fulham	31	4	3	8	11	15	6	1	8	23	27	35
17 Wrexham	28	8	3	3	33	18	1	4	10	12	33	34
18 Brighton	29	5	6	4	21	18	3	4	7	12	25	34
19 Huddersfld	29	4	5	4	14	17	4	4	8	16	23	33
20 Rotherham	28	6	3	5	23	21	2	5	7	14	23	32
21 Cardiff	28	6	4	3	26	18	1	6	8	15	27	31
22 Exeter	27	5	5	4	28	22	1	4	8	7	26	27
23 Hartlepool	31	4	2	8	14	22	1	5	11	10	26	22
24 Barnet	29	1	4	9	11	20	1	4	10	14	36	14

Green 1 King's Lynn 0, Hinckley 2 Grantham 4, Leicester 3 Tamworth 1; RC Warwick 1 Dudley 2, Redditch Utd 3 Sutton Coldfield 2, Rushden & Diamonds 1 Newport AFC 1; Stourbridge 5 Armitage 0; VS Rugby 2 Bilston 0; Weston-super-Mare 2 Bedworth 1. Yate 1 Evesham 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 2 Marine 1. Bishop Auckland 1 Knowsley 2; Colwyn Bay 1 Boston 1; Fleetwood 0 Whitley Bay 1; Gainsborough 0 Morecambe 1, Horwich 2 Droylsden 3, Hyde 6 Bridlington Town 1; Leek 1 Frickley 0; Matlock 3 Accrington Stanley 3; Winsford 1 Emley 3. First division: Alfreton 5 Gretna 3; Curzon Ashton 3 Harrogate 2; Farsley Celtic 1 Bamber Bridge 1; Gt Harwood 1 Guiseley 2; Lancaster 2 Caernarfon 1; Mossley 3 Eastwood

Third division

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 Gregory 28; 2,847 — CHESTER (1) 2 Lancashire 41, Leonard 64
CREWE (0) 2 Rowbotham 46, Edwards 68; 4,276 — BURY (1) 4 Kelly 40, 66, Carter 78, 79
DONCASTER (2) 4 Roche 32 (pen), Cunningham 45, Hulme 68, Yates 74 — WALSALL (0) 0; 2,029
LINCOLN (2) 3 Campbell 2, Matthews 45, 55 — HEREFORD (0) 1 Akinbiyi 47; 2,277
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 Wilkin 20; 3,185 — COLCHESTER (1) 1 McDonough 25
ROCHDALE (0) 0; 2,927 — CARLISLE (1) 1 Davey 26
SCARBORO (0) 1 Cawthorn 61; 1,527 — GILLINGHAM (0) 1 Baker 71
SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 Carmichael 55, 57; 3,089 — MANSFIELD (0) 3 Hadley 50, 62, Holland 75
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 Lynch 59 — PRESTON (0) 0; 5,391
TORQUAY (0) 2 Hathaway 57, Darby 81 — DARLINGTON (1) 1 Painter 6; 3,039
WYCOMBE (0) 0; 4,846 — WIGAN (1) 1 Lyons 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Crewe	28	10	3	2	34	20	6	4	3	25	21	55
2 Shrewsbury	27	7	5	2	20	13	7	3	3	22	16	50
3 Torquay	29	6	8	2	25	21	5	6	4	22	20	47
4 Wycombe	28	8	2	3	22	14	5	6	4	23	25	47
5 Chester	28	5	5	2	14	8	8	3	5	30	22	47
6 Preston	27	6	4	2	32	17	4	5	5	23	24	44
7 Bury	28	8	3	2	27	13	4	5	[illegible]	18	28	44
8 Walsall	29	6	4	5	22	17	6	4	4	12	17	44
9 Rochdale	28	8	3	3	28	11	3	5	5	16	16	41
10 Chesterfld	29	6	4	5	22	19	5	3	6	17	24	39
11 Mansfield	28	7	1	6	20	19	3	7	6	17	25	38
12 Scunthorpe	28	6	5	3	29	15	3	4	6	14	17	37
13 Colchester	28	7	3	5	24	23	3	7	7	19	29	36
14 Carlisle	28	3	4	6	19	19	6	5	5	16	12	36
15 Scarboro	30	5	2	8	17	21	5	4	5	18	20	36
16 Doncaster	30	7	3	5	22	18	3	3	9	11	24	36
17 Lincoln	27	6	3	6	21	22	3	4	5	18	22	34
18 Gillingham	28	6	5	3	19	15	2	5	7	13	21	34
19 Wigan	28	3	4	6	22	26	5	3	7	12	23	31
20 Darlington	29	5	4	6	21	22	1	5	8	12	25	27
21 Hereford	28	4	3	7	22	21	2	3	9	18	33	26
22 Northmptn	28	3	6	4	16	17	1	2	12	12	34	20

Town 2, Netherfield 3 Congleton 5; Spennymoor 3 Worksop 3; Warrington 2 Radcliffe 1; Workington 1 Ashton Utd 2.

BASS IRISH CUP: Sixth round: Ballinamallard 0 Cliftonville 3; Coleraine 2 Glenavon 3, Distillery 1 Abbey Villa 0, Glentoran 4 Dundela 3, Linfield 2 Carrick 0. Loughgall 1 Bangor 2, Newry 0 Omagh Town 0. Portadown 4 Donegal Celtic 0.

AFA SENIOR CUP: Civil Service 0 Ignatians 1, Polytechnic 2 Parkonians 0. Crouch End Vampires 1 Latymerians 0; West Wickham 0 Sth Bank Poly 1

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH (0) 0; 639 — ALTRINCHAM (1) 1 Harris 47
BROMSGROVE (0) 0; 1,017 — NORTHWICH (0) 0
DAG & RED (0) 0; 820 — STALYBRIDGE (1) 1 Arnold 32
KETTERING (2) 3 Martin 22, Graham 39, Brown 76 — WOKING (0) 0; 2,054
MACCLESFIELD (0) 0; 1,004 — RUNCORN (0) 0
SOUTHPORT (2) 3 Gamble 24, 80, Mitchell 38; 1,150 — MERTHYR (0) 2 Dyer 47, Coates 57
STAFFORD (1) 2 Foy 3, Mettioui 85; 760 — DOVER (1) 2 Blewden 41, Milton 61
TELFORD (1) 3 Bignot 43, Steenwenhoek 83, 86; 1,072 — HALIFAX (0) 2 Edwards 56, Lormor 57
WELLING (4) 6 Dichio 13, 44, 76, 77, Rutherford 18, Robbins 38 — SLOUGH (0) 2 Sayer 55, Peters 89; 770
WITTON (1) 1 Pritchard 4; 843 — YEOVIL (1) 2 Cordice 37, 47

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Southport	27	7	7	1	22	15	5	3	4	18	16	46
2 Kettering	27	6	5	3	16	10	6	4	3	14	8	45
3 Kidderminstr	25	9	3	2	20	8	4	2	5	16	16	44
4 Bath	27	4	5	5	22	15	6	5	2	17	10	40
5 Dover	25	9	1	3	23	11	3	2	7	13	20	39
6 Woking	26	8	3	2	22	13	3	3	5	12	23	39
7 Welling	25	7	3	4	21	14	3	5	3	14	13	38
8 Runcorn	26	8	2	2	27	16	0	11	3	14	22	37
9 Stafford	27	7	6	3	27	18	1	5	5	11	19	35
10 Telford	25	5	6	2	18	13	4	2	6	11	17	34
11 Merthyr	28	6	7	1	24	11	2	5	7	17	25	34
12 Bromsgrv	23	3	5	3	17	14	6	2	4	20	21	34
13 Gateshead	24	5	3	2	16	10	3	4	6	12	21	34
14 Halifax	26	3	7	1	19	10	4	5	6	23	28	33
15 Macclesfld	25	5	5	4	20	15	4	0	7	13	23	32
16 Slough	29	7	2	4	24	17	1	6	9	11	30	32
17 Yeovil	26	5	2	5	17	14	3	5	6	17	26	31
18 Northwich	25	5	3	2	11	9	2	8	5	8	16	28
19 Dag & Red	22	5	3	2	20	11	1	5	6	7	17	26
20 Witton	29	3	5	7	15	20	3	3	8	9	17	26
21 Altrincham	25	3	3	6	12	17	3	2	8	8	16	23
22 Stalybridge	24	1	5	5	10	18	3	5	5	15	17	22

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham 2 Haverhill 0, Great Yarmouth 2 Tiptree 2; Harwich & Parkeston 1 Gorleston 1, Histon 3 Cornard 1, Lowestoft 0 Halstead 2. March 4 Norwich United 0, Newmarket 0 Diss 2; Soham TR 1 Felixstowe 3; Sudbury 4 Chatteris 0. Wisbech 3 Stowmarket 2

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Bealonians 1 Nottsborough 1. Old Finchleians 4 Wandsworth Borough 1; Old Grammarians 4 Witan 6; Old Owens 3 Mill Hill Village 1; St Marys College 2 Parkfield 0.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Danes 2

Tennents Scottish Cup

Fourth round

ABERDEEN (0) 1 Miller 81 — RAITH (0) 0; 12,000
AIRDRIE (0) 1 Kirkwood 64 (pen) — STRANRAER (0) 0; 3,000
DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 Brewster 41, 56; 12,023 — MOTHERWELL (1) 2 Kirk 31, Philliben 89
MORTON (0) 0; 7,700 — KILMARNOCK (1) 1 Williamson 17
RANGERS (2) 6 Ferguson 32, McPherson 44, McCoist 48, 71, 83 (pen), Newbigging 73 (og) — ALLOA (0) 0; 37,804
Postponed: St Johnstone v Stirling.

Yesterday

DUNDEE (1) 3 Britton 38 (pen) 89, Shaw 57 — ST MIRREN (1) 1 Lavety 16; 6,040
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 Wright 42; 20,953 — HEARTS (1) 2 Robertson 2, Foster 86

Scottish League

Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Rangers	30	8	3	4	29	18	7	7	1	24	12	40
2 Aberdeen	30	9	6	0	26	6	3	8	4	15	18	38
3 Motherwell	30	8	4	2	21	12	7	4	5	20	18	38
4 Hibernian	30	9	3	2	25	12	4	6	6	20	22	35
5 Celtic	30	6	7	2	17	10	4	6	5	15	16	33
6 Dundee U	30	4	8	3	17	14	4	7	4	15	15	31
7 Kilmarnock	30	4	8	4	12	14	4	5	5	12	16	29
8 Partick	30	6	5	3	16	11	3	5	8	18	31	28
9 St Johnstn	30	5	6	5	21	23	1	8	5	6	14	26
10 Hearts	30	5	6	5	16	17	1	7	6	6	15	25
11 Raith	30	2	8	5	14	22	2	5	8	15	30	21
12 Dundee	30	3	6	6	17	20	1	2	12	10	24	16

Aloysians 2, Wilsonians 0 Hamptonians 2, Glyn 3 Chertsey 1. Tenisonians 0 Cardinal Manning 1, Tiffinians 3 Meadonians 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE. Premier division: Belper 1 Hucknall 3, Glasshoughton Wel 1 Stocksbridge PS 1, Lincoln United 1 Pickering 0. Liversedge 3 Denaby 0, Maltby MW 1 Brigg 4, North Ferriby 0 Eccleshill 1, Ossett Town 1 Pontefract Col 2; Sheffield 3 Armthorpe Welfare 1; Thackley 3 Ossett Albion 1; Winterton Rangers 3 Ashfield 2

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Actonians 2 Carshalton 4; Old Esthameians 1 Winchmore Hill 0, Norseman 2 Midland Bank 0; Nat West Bank 4 Lensbury 2, Southgate Olympic 0 Alexandra Park 6, Old Bromleians 0 East Barnet OG 4, New Association 1 Lloyds Bank 2; Old Westminster Cits 0 Old Parmiterians 0; Old Salesians 3 Brentham 0; Merton 1 Barclays Bank 1, Old Lyonians 5 Alleyn OB 0, Cuaco 9 Royal Bank of Scotland 0. Bank of England 4 Reigate Priory 1

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division. Calne 1 Odd Down 2; Elmore 0 Bristol Manor Farm 2, Exmouth 0 Saltash 4; Mangotsfield 4 Liskeard

First division

CLYDE (0) 0; 5,500 — DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 Tod 65

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Dunfermln	30	12	1	2	45	14	7	3	5	20	13	42
2 Falkirk	30	9	4	2	27	14	7	6	2	26	13	42
3 Airdrie	30	7	6	3	23	15	7	3	4	19	13	37
4 St Mirren	30	8	1	6	23	17	6	5	4	22	20	34
5 Hamilton	30	7	4	3	23	12	5	6	5	17	24	34
6 Clydebank	30	6	4	5	18	21	5	5	5	21	15	31
7 Ayr	30	4	5	5	14	18	6	5	5	16	17	30
8 Stirling	30	7	4	3	19	15	5	2	9	15	27	30
9 Dumbarton	30	4	5	6	20	22	5	3	7	19	20	26
10 Clyde	29	4	4	7	11	15	2	3	9	13	26	19
11 Morton	29	2	8	5	15	20	1	5	8	14	34	19
12 Brechin	30	4	2	10	12	27	1	2	11	9	28	11

Second division

ALBION (1) 3 Scott 17, 84, Russell 71 (og) — E STIRLING (0) 1 McDonald 55 (pen); 248
MONTROSE (1) 3 Taylor 45, 80, Stephen 46 — E FIFE (0) 0; 711
QUEEN OF SOUTH (1) 3 McLaren 14, McGuire 76, Thomson 80 — QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0; 711
STENHSMUIR (0) 2 Sludden 50, Clouston 66 (og) — ARBROATH (0) 0; 650
Postponed: Forfar v Cowdenbeath.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Stranraer	26	10	1	2	27	12	6	5	2	16	10	38
2 Stenhsmuir	27	8	4	2	31	13	7	1	5	18	18	35
3 Meadwbnk	26	6	6	1	26	16	5	3	5	19	19	31
4 Alloa	26	4	5	4	11	11	6	5	2	19	14	30
5 Queen of S	27	7	1	6	31	16	5	4	4	19	18	29
6 Berwick	26	5	5	3	24	17	5	4	4	21	16	29
7 E Fife	27	6	4	3	26	18	4	3	7	15	21	27
8 Forfar	26	4	4	5	17	18	5	3	5	19	16	25
9 Arbroath	27	4	6	4	20	23	5	1	8	14	26	24
10 Queen's Pk	27	7	3	3	21	17	2	3	9	15	39	24
11 Montrose	26	4	3	7	16	19	5	2	5	26	29	23
12 E Stirling	27	4	2	7	17	23	3	7	4	19	22	23
13 Albion	27	2	3	9	14	25	3	4	6	15	23	17
14 Cowdenbth	25	0	2	10	14	26	5	3	5	19	22	15

Athletic 1, Paulton 3 Crediton 1, Torrington 3 Chippenham 1; Westbury 0 Bideford 4. Yesterday: Les Phillips Cup: Barnstaple 2 Warminster Town 2

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 3 Chadderton 0, Bradford Park Avenue 2 Blackpool Rovers 6, Clitheroe 0 Burscough 5. Darwen 2 Flixton 0. Glossop North End 4 Skelmersdale 3, Kidsgrove Athletic 1 Penrith 0; Maine Road 1 St Helens 2. Nantwich 1 Atherton LR 2; Rossendale 4 Prescot 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Dunston FB 1 Brandon 1; Seaham Red Star 2 Eppleton CW 0. Shildon 3 Blyth Spartans 1, Stockton 1 Northallerton 1; West Auckland 2 Guisborough 2. Whitby 4 Murton 2.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division, Group A: Bohemians 1, Cork 1. Postponed: Galway v Derry, Shamrock R v Shelbourne. Group B: Cobh 0, St Patrick's 1. Monaghan 3 Drogheda 2. Postponed: Dundalk v Limerick.

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round replay: Glebe North 1, Whitehall R 0

SPANISH LEAGUE: Logrones 1, Rayo Vallecano 1. Valencia 3, Lerida 3; Celta 1, Tenerife 0, Gijon 0, Santander 2; Real Madrid 1, Atletico Madrid 0, Sevilla 2, Oviedo 0; Albacete 1, Valladolid 1, Barcelona 8, Osasuna 1; Zaragoza 1, Bilbao 0

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 2, Piacenza 0, Cremonese 1, Roma 1, Foggia 3, Parma 2; Internazionale 0, Napoli 0, Lazio 0, AC Milan 1, Lecce 1, Udinese 0, Reggiana 1, Genoa 1; Torino 1, Juventus 1

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	2½	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: With five jackpot draws and six high-score draws, dividends should be good, telephone claims are required for 22 and 22½ points

Lillehammer rings true as upholder of Olympic ideal



David Miller on the warmth and appreciation that has greeted competitors at the Winter Games

SEVEN years ago, I first visited Lillehammer when it was one of six candidate cities for the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. I saw it not four feet deep in snow and ice, but in its farmland cloak of summer pasture: a small, friendly country town beside the Mjosa lake.

It was evident that by nominating Lillehammer, the Olympic Games could somehow return to its roots, to an intimacy among competitors from different sports the way it is supposed to be, to a rare ambience among a fanatical sporting audience. The idea of being able to walk to events had an overriding appeal.

When Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), drew the ballot paper from an envelope prior to the summer Games at Seoul in 1988, and announced "the winner is ... Lillehammer", there were those who thought the IOC might have made a serious error. How could a town of 23,000 cope: how could such an important event be compressed into such a small area, devoid of the necessary hotels and, at that stage, most of the facilities?

The reality has been everything we could have hoped for. Of all the many virtues the Norwegians have exhibited as hosts, the most warming has been the enthusiasm of the home spectators. They possess a unique blend of impassioned nationalistic pride in their own competitors and spontaneous appreciation and applause for the exploits of any and every foreigner.

They know everybody, they appreciate everybody. Their inspirational quality for all is profound, right down to the supposed anonymous competitor slogging homewards in 35th position in the cross country skiing.

Dr Jacques Rogge, president of the European Association of National Olympic Committees and himself a former yachting competitor, acknowledges the Norwegians' warmth. "Nationalism is less important to them than performance," he says. "This is the Mecca for any genuine sporting spectator." The contrast with the chauvinism of Moscow in 1980, Los Angeles in 1984 or Calgary in 1988 is profound.

I do not prescribe to the idea of a permanent site for the Games, winter or summer. The principle of spreading the experience of hosting, and witnessing, the Games around the world is fundamental to the Olympic idea. Yet were there to be a permanent winter home, nowhere could be more preferable than tranquil, neutral, welcoming Lillehammer.

Almost every aspect of these Games has been satisfactory: the facilities, the crowds, the marketing, the transport. Every official, every competitor has paid tribute to the quality of the venues and the administration.

The attendance at every venue has been close to sold out if not 200 per cent oversubscribed. At yesterday's ski jumping, not only was there a capacity crowd of 40,000 in the stadium at the foot of the slopes, but the hillside and fields above the town had thousands more enjoying a distant, free view. A glow is generated as much by foreign victors, such as Markus Wasmeier, of Germany, Dan Jansen, of America, or Alexei Urmanov, of Russia, as by the Norwegian heroes, Johann Koss or Bjorn Daehlie.

By generating a gross sponsorship/television income of $525 million (about £350 million), Lillehammer has proved it is possible for a small town still to contemplate staging a Games — though not without government subsidy. Only hindsight will reveal whether the government's huge investment here has been justified. For the moment, it would seem so, overwhelmingly.

The transport is working — just. Even the thousands of sponsor guests travelling each day by train from Oslo are so engrossed with the sport, never mind the -20°C temperatures, that, at least within my earshot, there has been nothing but compliments. Lillehammer has smiled upon the world, and the world has smiled back.

Even Norwegian antipathy to the IOC, for alleged lack of democracy in its constitution — in part the deliberate intention of its founder, de Coubertin, but now a factor under radical review by Samaranch — has been quelled by the unified attitude between Norwegian people and Samaranch towards aid for Sarajevo, the former host city. The Olympic ethic is perceived to be still much alive.

German ends ten-year wait for gold



Weissflog soaring towards a shock victory in the high hill event

THE veteran German ski jumper, Jens Weissflog, ended a ten-year Olympic medal drought yesterday by beating the world champion and home favourite, Espen Bredesen, to shake the all-conquering Norwegian men's team.

Roared on by a large, partisan crowd, Bredesen had built a commanding lead in the high hill event with an opening leap of 135.5 metres, six metres ahead Weissflog, but Weissflog, with the wind at his back, increased his second jump to 133 metres, while the Norwegian could muster only 122 metres second time out.

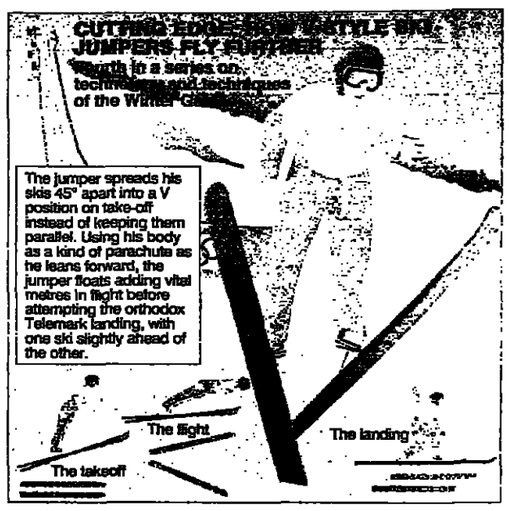
The jumpers are marked for both style and distance over the two leaps for a points total. Weissflog amassed 274.5 points against Bredesen's 266.5, even though the Norwegian scored near-perfect style marks for his second jump. Andreas Goldberger, of Austria, took the bronze with jumps of 128.5 metres and 121.5 metres.

It was the 29-year-old German's first Olympic medal since the 1984 Sarajevo Games, when he won gold on the normal hill and silver on the high hill. He is expected to retire this season.

For the Norwegians, the result was a major setback. Two years ago in Albertville, Bredesen was dubbed "Espen the Eagle" — a name taken from the British jumper, Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards — when he finished third from last on the high hill and last on the normal hill. However, going into the Lillehammer Games in top form and with a world title to his name, he was the event's favourite in front of a sell-out 32,000 crowd. Indeed, there were thousands more without tickets who spilled out on the hills beside the jump, confidently expecting another domestic celebration.

"This is the greatest result of my career," Weissflog said. "I was still doubting whether I'd won until I saw the result of Espen's jump go up on the electronic scoreboard. It seemed to last for ages. Then I knew I had won at last."

Bredesen refused to be down-hearted: "I didn't lose gold today, I won silver. Jens was the better man."



Seizinger claims downhill crown

FROM DAVID MILLER IN KVITFJELL

IT WOULD be hard to find a personality more in contrast to Markus Wasmeier, the German winner of the men's super-giant slalom, than his compatriot, Katja Seizinger, who, on Saturday, continued Germany's winning way in the women's downhill. Seizinger's manner is without emotion, whether she has fallen or won: she is a loner from non-mountain country to the south of Frankfurt who took up skiing only following a chance ski holiday.

At 21, her record is already impressive across the board. She skis always close to the edge of control, so that it is probable either that she will slide off the course, as she had done in the women's super-giant slalom, or be on the podium, as on Saturday. Her laconic comment afterwards summed up the race: "Maybe I haven't run a better downhill, but it isn't the first time I've skied so well." The face was deadpan.

These continued to be blank days in the Alpine events for the proud Austrians and Swiss. Second place on Saturday was taken Picabo Street, of the United States, in the wake of her compatriot Tommy Moe, with his gold and silver medals.

Following an initial fast run by Catherine Pace, of Canada — who was to finish fifth — Seizinger set the standard with her time of 1min 35.93sec, starting third out of the gate. Fancied names such as Veronika Stallmaier, of Austria, and Varvara Zelenskaia, of Russia, could not challenge Seizinger's time, but Street, eighth out of the gate, came within 0.66sec.

Kerrin Lee-Gartner, the defending champion from Canada, who had been uncertain about her entry because of her grief at the death last month of Ulrike Maier, the former world slalom champion, came nineteenth in what was to be her last downhill race.

Immediately following Lee-Gartner came Isolde Kostner, 18, another of the burgeoning group of young Italians who are so fast and confident. Her time of 1min 36.85sec gave her the bronze medal, the fifth time she had been on the podium in her last five races, which included winning the notorious Garmisch downhill.

Despite her lack of emotion, this had been an important day for Seizinger. Although she had won last year's world championship super-giant slalom, this season had shown mixed fortune. She had missed the downhill bronze at Albertville in 1992 by a fraction, then came back to take the super-giant slalom bronze. She had been only fourth in last year's world championship downhill. Saturday's result would place her talents properly in the record books.

Urmanov gold annoys Canadian

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN AND CHRIS MOORE

IT WAS inevitable the Canadians would object to the gold medal awarded to Alexei Urmanov, of Russia, in the men's figure skating on Saturday. The cleaner classical line of Urmanov is regarded as passé in North America. "The Russian in fancy dress won the judges' approval ..." a Canadian reporter could be heard dictating. The one who had not was his countryman, Elvis Stojko, whose kung fu offering earned just silver.

Stojko's coach, Doug Leigh, was upset that his skater, technically superior to the rest, was still being ignored as an artist. But six of the nine judges, including the Canadian, preferred Urmanov's free skating; Stojko had only the French judge on his side. Urmanov's classical style took him to the world bronze medal last year and bronze at the European championships last month. And now Olympic gold, quite a success story for an unsponsored 20-year-old who lives in simple two-room flat in St Petersburg.

Leigh's depression must have been relieved to a degree by the ninth-place of Steven Cousins, the British champion, whom he coaches with Stojko in Ontario. All the triple jumps were cleanly delivered in his unique odyssey of 20 Olympic sports choreographed to music from Chariots of Fire. Cousins slipped once, on the flip, but repeated this jump quickly to atone for the error.

Gustav Weder made Olympic history yesterday in becoming the first bobsleigher to retain the two-man title. The Swiss driver produced the fastest time on the final run to snatch the gold medal from his compatriot Reto Goetschi by just 0.05sec.

Weder, 32, trailed Goetschi by 0.03sec going into the final run. But the experience that brought him 24 major medals in Olympic, World and European races over the six years, paid off.

For the first time in Olympic competition two British teams made the top-ten. Mark Tout, who was eighth after Saturday's first two runs, moved up two positions yesterday to match his sixth place in Albertville two years ago. Tout and his brakeman, Lenny Paul, had the sixth fastest time of 53.24sec on the fourth run, behind the winner. Sean Olsen, with a time of 53.46sec in the final run, snatched tenth place.

RESULTS FROM THE WINTER OLYMPICS

Saturday

ALPINE SKIING

WOMEN: Downhill. 1, K Seizinger (Ger) 1min 35.93sec; 2, P Street (US) 1 36.59; 3, I Kostner (It) 1.36.85; 4, M Ertl (Ger) 1:37.10; 5, K Pace (Can) 1 37.17; 6, M Suchet (Fr) 1 37.34; 7, H Lindh (US) 1.37.44; 8, V Zelenskaya (Russ) 1 37.48; 9, P Wiberg (Swe) 1 37.61; 10, K Koren (Slovi 1 37 69.

ICE HOCKEY

POOL B: Slovakia 3 Canada 1, Italy 7 France 3, Sweden 6 United States 4.

ICE SKATING

MEN: Free skating: 1, A Urmanov (Russ) 1.0 factored placements; 2, E Stojko (Can) 2.0, 3, K Browning (Can) 3.0, 4, V Petrenko (Ukr) 4.0; 5, P Candeloro (Fr) 5.0; 6, B Boitano (US) 6.0, 7, E Millot (Fr) 7.0; 8, S Dave (US) 8.0, 9, S Cousins (GB) 9.0, 10 S Britten (Can) 10.0 Final positions: 1, Urmanov 1.5, 2, Stojko 3.0, 3, Candeloro 5.5, 4 Petrenko 8.5, 5, Browning 9.0, 6, Boitano 10.0; 7, Millot 10.0; 8, Dave 10.0; 9, Cousins 12.5, 10, Britten 15.0.

NORDIC SKIING

MEN: 15km pursuit: 1, B Daehlie (Nor) thr 00min 08.9sec (Thursday's 10km 24min 20.0sec, yesterday's 15km 36.48.9); 2, V Smirnov (Kaz) 1.00:38.0 (24.38.0, 36.00.0); 3, S Fauner (It) 1.01.48.6 (25.08.0, 36.40.6), 4, M Myllylae (Fin) 1.01:55.9 (25.05.0, 36.50.9), 5, M Botvinov (Russ) 1.01:57.4 (24.58.0, 36.59.8); 6, J Raessanen (Fin) 1.02.03.7 (25.31.0, 36.32.7); 7, S Sivertsen (Nor) 1.02.09.7 (24.59.0, 37.10.7); 8, J Mushiegg (Ger) 1.02.31.2 (25.50.0, 36.41.2); 9, G Vanzetta (It) 1.02:31.6 (25.48.0, 36.43.6), 10, M Albarello (It) 1.02:34.1 (24.42.0, 37.52.1). British position: 63, D Belam 1.09:17.8 (28.00.0, 41:17.8). Combined: 1, F B Lundberg (Nor) (247.0 ski jump pts, 210.970 cross country pts) 457.970pts, 2, T Kono (Japan) (239.5, 205.845) 445.345, 3, B Engen Vik (Nor) (240.5, 205.675) 445.175, 4, K Ogawara (Japan) (231.0, 207.550) 438.550; 5, A Markvardt (Est) (243.5, 190.135) 433.635, 6, H Kempf (Switz) (216.5, 207.825) 424.125, 7, J Y Cuendet (Switz) (222.0, 200.630) 422.630; 8, T E Eldon (Nor) (201.5, 220.000) 421.500; 9, S Guillaume (Fr) (202.0, 218.395) 420.395, 10 M Abe (Japan) (207.0, 212.800) 419.800

SPEED SKATING

WOMEN: 500m: 1, B Blair (US) 39.25sec; 2, S Auch (Can) 39.61, 3, F Schenk (Ger) 39.70, 4, Yue Ruihong (China) 39.71, 5, Yoo Sun-hee (S Kor) 39.92, 6, M Garbrecht (Ger) 39.95, 7, S Boyarskna (Russ) 40.17, 8, E T Hiseth (Nor) 40.20; 9, Jin Hua (China) 40.23, 10, K Shimazaki (Japan) 40.26

Yesterday

ALPINE SKIING

WOMEN: Combined downhill: 1, K Seizinger (Ger) 1min 27.28sec; 2, P Street (US) 1.28.19, 3, I Kostner (It) 1.28.52, 4, A Dovzan (Slovenia) 1.28.67; 5, P Wiberg (Swe) 1.28.70, 6, M Gallizio (It) 1.28.71, 7, V Schneider (Switz) 1.28.91; 8, E Kawabata (Japan) 1.29.00; 9, H Gerg (Ger) 1.29.02; 10, F Masnada (Fr) 1.29.11

MEDALS

	G	S	B	T
Norway	8	5	2	15
Russia	7	5	3	15
Italy	3	3	7	13
Germany	4	2	5	11
US	4	3	0	7
Canada	2	2	2	6
Austria	0	2	2	4
Holland	0	1	3	4
France	0	1	2	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	2
Kazakhstan	0	2	0	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Finland	0	0	2	2
Belorus	0	1	0	1

BOBSLEIGH

TWO-MAN: Final positions: 1 G Weder and D Acklin (Switzerland I) (52.33sec, 52.91sec, 52.72sec, 52.85sec) 3min 30.81sec; 2, R Goetschi and G Acklin (Switzerland II) (52.38, 52.76, 52.79, 52.93) 3.30.86; 3, G Huber and S Tioa (Italy I) (52.61, 52.80, 52.69, 52.91) 3.31.01; 4, P Lochner and M Zimmermann (Germany I) (52.74, 53.09, 52.75, 53.10) 3.31.78; 5, H Schroesser and T Schroll (Austria I) (52.71, 53.02, 52.94, 53.26) 3:31.93; 6, M Tout and L Paul (Great Britain I) 152.77, 53.15, 52.99, 53.24) 3.32.15; equal 7, J Dzmura and P Polomsky (Czech Republic I) (52.66, 53.16, 53.02, 53.32) and P Lueders and D Mazeachern (Canada I) (52.63, 53.25, 53.11, 53.19) 3.32.18, 9, P Gesulio and A Tartaglia (Italy II) (52.92, 53.33, 52.89, 53.31) 3.32.45, equal 10, S Olsson and P Field (Great Britain II) (52.86, 53.36, 53.21, 52.46) and Z Elmanis and A Imfiers (Latvia I) (52.75, 53.42, 53.20, 53.46) 3.32.83, 13, B Shimar and R Jones (United States II) (52.95, 53.37, 52.86, 53.63) 3.32.86, 14, J Herbenich and N Minton III (United States II) (53.04, 53.58, 53.29, 53.50) 3:33.41, 15, C Lon and G Gilbert (Canada II) (52.99, 53.72, 53.22, 53.56) 3.33.49

ICE HOCKEY

POOL A: Russia 4 Czech Republic 3

NORDIC SKIING

MEN: High hill ski jumping: 1, J Weissflog (Ger) (129.5m, 133.0m) 274.5pts; 2, E Bredesen (Nor) (135.5, 122.0) 266.5, 3, A Goldberger (Austria) (128.5, 121.5) 255.0; 4, T Okabe (Japan) (117.0, 128.0) 243.5, 5, J M Soininen (Fin) (117.0, 122.5) 231.1, 6, L Ottosen (Nor) (117.0, 120.0) 226.6, 7, J Sakala (Czech) (117.0, 115.5) 222.0, 8, J Nishikata (Japan) (123.5, 110.0) 218.3; 9, R Mejdic (Slovenia) (122.0, 113.0) 217.5; 10, D Mollard (Fr) (121.5, 109.5) 213.3, 11, C Duffner (Ger) (122.5, 107.5) 213.0; 12, H Kuttin (Austria) (113.0, 112.5) 207.4; 13, M Harada (Japan) (122.0, 101.0) 199.9. Biathlon: 20km: 1, S Tarasov (Russ) 57min 25.3sec, 2, F Luck (Ger) 57.28.7, 3, S Fischer (Aust) 57.41.3, 4, A Popov (Belo) 57.53.1, 5, J Steingen (Ger) 58.18.1; 6, A Zingerle (It) 58.54.1; 7, M Kirchner (Ger) 59.16.4, 8, S Chepikov (Russ) 59.31.4, 9, S Glimstdal (Nor) 59.42.4, 10, A Eder (Aust) 59.43.9. British positions: equal 54, I Woods and M Dixon, 1hr 03min 44.0sec

SPEED SKATING

MEN: 10,000m: 1, J O Koss (Nor) 13min 30.55sec (world record), 2, K Storsed (Nor) 13.49.25; 3, B Veldkamp (Holl) 13.56.73; 4, F Zandstra (Holl) 13.58.25; 5, J Radra (Pol) 14.03.84; 6, F Ditrich (Ger) 14.04.33, 7, R Ritsma (Holl) 14.05.28; 8, J Schoen (Swe) 14.10.15, 9, M Hardschelt (Austria) 14.12.09, 10, C Ehringer (Austria) 14.15.14; 11, T Ilickawa (Japan) 14.17.00; 12, A Anunyenko (Russ) 14.16.42; 13, K Sato (Japan) 14.18.44; 14, Y Sanarov (Kaz) 14.21.12, 15, R Sighel (It) 14.27.59.

TODAY

All times GMT

08.30: Swing, women's combined slalom, first run.
09.30: Cross country skiing, women's 4 x 5km relay.
12.00: Freestyle skiing, aerials semi-finals. Women's combined slalom, second run.
13.00: Speed skating, women's 1,500m.
14.00: Ice hockey, pool B, Sweden v Canada.
16.00: Ice hockey, pool B, Slovakia v France.
19.00: Ice skating, ice dance, freestyle
19.00: Ice hockey, pool B, United States v Italy

TELEVISION: BBC2: 14.15-15.50, 20.00-20.30, 23.15-23.55

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Jewish Association for the Physically Handicapped
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY-20864-0A/1-Lag(Lon)

LICENSING ACT 1964
CROYDON PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I, Frederick William Beton and Monique Linda Beton of 44a Caddesdon House, Sutton Estates, Cranwood Street, London, EC1 having for the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Unemployed and Assistant Medical Records Officer respectively do hereby give Notice that it is our intention to apply to the Licensing Justices for the Croydon Petty Sessional Division at the Transfer Sessions to be held at the Magistrates Court, Barclay Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 5NG on 2 March 1994 at 10.00 am in the forenoon for the grant to us of a Provisional Justices Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on and off the premises situate at 35 Whitehorse Road, Croydon, Surrey to be known by the sign of "John B Keane" as more particularly defined on a plan deposited with the clerk to the Licensing Justices.
Dated this 8th Day of February 1994
Holt Phillips
11/12 Queen Square
Bristol BS1 4NT
Solicitors and Authorised Agents On Behalf of the Applicant

LEGAL NOTICES

AMTOFFT ASSOCIATES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Friday 4th day of March 1994 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J M MOFFATT
DIRECTOR

CHAS DAVY STEVENS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the INSOLVENCY ACT 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF at 11.00am on 7 March 1994 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receiver and the said meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:-
They have delivered to me at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day prior to the date of the meeting written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986;
and
There has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 16th February 1994
L.A. MANNING
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
London Wall Holdings PLC
(In Receivership)
Registered Number: 1969369
Nature of business: Holding Company
Trade classification: Insurance
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): Coutts & Co. of 15 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AU
R T Turner and C R Ashurst
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office Holder numbers 1057 and 669
Address: Neville Russell, 246 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4PB

HYDROSTATIC TRANSMISSIONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Hydrostatic Transmissions Limited will be held at 9.30 am on 1 March 1994 at Forte Post House Brentwood, Brook Street, Brentwood, Essex CM14 5NF, for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Millsted Langdon, Winchester House, Corporation Street, Taunton TA1 4AJ on the 28th and 28th days of February 1994.
Dated the 14th day of February 1994
Witness:
T.A. Close
Chartered Accountants
Winchester House
Corporation Street
Taunton
TA1 4AJ
By Order of the Board
William Raymond Evans
DIRECTOR

ISHISH LIMITED
(Formerly Comwell Insurance Brokers (UK) Limited)
Company Number: 1440766
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Barrell House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5HH on 1 March 1994 at 10.15am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, the appointment of a Liquidator and Liquidation Committee.
Mr D B Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Barrell House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HH is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Barrell House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HH not later than 12 noon on Monday 28th February 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D Houghton
Director
Date: 11 February 1994

HOUGHTON SANDERSON GROUP LIMITED
Company Number:1360865
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Barrell House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5HH on 1 March 1994 at 12.15pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, the appointment of a Liquidator and a Liquidation Committee
Mr D B Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Barrell House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HH is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Barrell House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HH not later than 12 noon on Monday 28th February 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D Houghton
Director
Date: 11 February 1994

OPTIMUS COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
Principal Trading Address:
Negus Yard, Hommerton Street, Cambridge CB2 2NZ
Company Number: 1325990
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Leda House, Station Road, Cambridge CB1 2RN on 3 March 1994 at 10.15 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co of Leda House, Station Road, Cambridge, CB1 2RN during the two business days preceding the above meeting.
Dated: 10 February 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M A Samji
Director

Re: LSI GROUP PLC
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ on the 31 March 1994, at 11.00am, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on, by, or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:-
(a) they have delivered to the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and (b) there has been lodged any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this day of 14 February 1994.
P. B Harrington
C. M. Jones
Joint Administrative Receivers.

S & R SMITH & SON TRANSPORT LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the INSOLVENCY ACT 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF at 10.30 am on 8 March 1994 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receiver under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:-
They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 hours on 7 March 1994 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986;
and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated this day of 17 February 1994
L.A. MANNING
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE CAVAN GROUP LIMITED
MODELJACE LIMITED
DESPLACE LIMITED
BIG EASY RESTAURANT CORPORATION LIMITED
ANNDREALM LIMITED
DISTINCO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd floor) London, W2 6LF, on 8th march 1994 at 12.00 noon, 12.01pm, 12.02am, 12.03pm, 12.04am and 12.05pm respectively for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above companies creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meetings of Creditors.
Dated this 14th February 1994
PAUL CORRETT
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
THE COFFEE HOUSE (LOWESTOFT) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by members and creditors on 10th February 1994.
Dated this 16th day of February 1994
M.R. DORRINGTON
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
PEGASUS YACHTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company Members and creditors on 10th February 1994.
Dated this 16th day of February 1994
M.R. DORRINGTON
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act
KAAL ELECTRICAL LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steven George Taylor, MIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 23rd December 1993.
Dated this 16th day of February 1994
S. G. TAYLOR
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
GALLOWHILL LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terence John Roper of T.J. Roper & Co., Barbican Citygate, 1-5 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8NA, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 25th January 1994.
Dated this 16th day of February 1994
T.J. ROPER
Liquidator

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I, KEITH COHEN of Who has resided for the past six months at 15 Farnant Avenue, Wood Green, London N22 6PB and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Self Employed DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the Licensing Division of NORTH WESTMINSTER to be held at MARYLEBONE MAGISTRATES COURT, 185 Marylebone Road, London NW1 on TUESDAY the 8TH day of MARCH 1994 at 10.45 a.m. In the forenoon for the grant to ME of a Justices' ON Licence (Subject to conditions) authorising ME to sell by retail all kinds of intoxicating liquor at 22/22A Conduit Place, London W2 in the said Licensing Division, intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises.
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1994
KEITH COHEN

TUFTON (UK) LIMITED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF VOLUNTARY COMPANY
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Rising into another league

League tables are spurring our schools, says **John Patten**, Education Secretary

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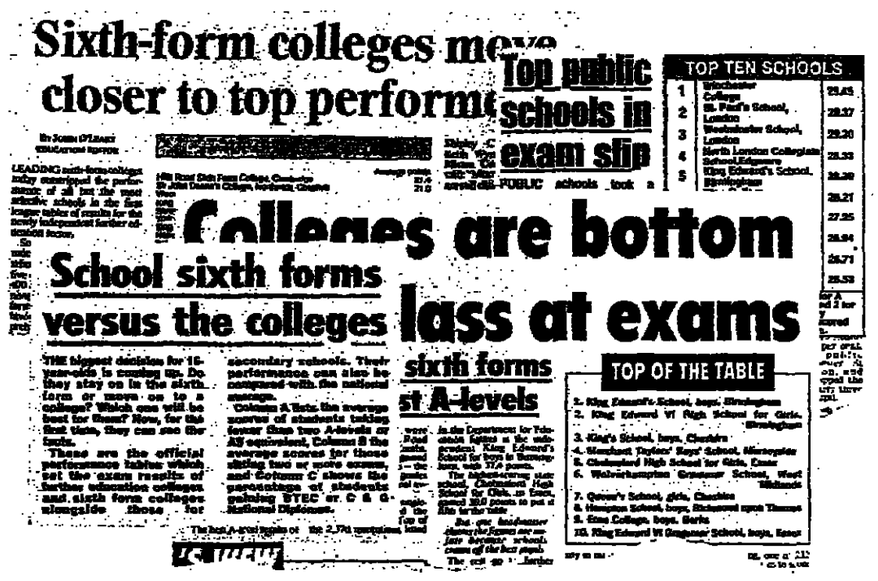
If standards are to be raised, we have to know how schools are performing. Unsubstantiated claims and anecdote do not allow us to see how a school is doing, nor do they tell us whether there has been any improvement. Without objective evidence, a course of treatment to improve performance cannot be prescribed. That is why we have published school performance tables, not without noise and tumult, since 1992. They are a vital diagnostic tool in gauging the health of our education system.

But I have come to believe that they are much more. They not only help to measure educational health, but they are actually improving the health of our schools. As such, they will, I believe, come to be seen as one of our most significant post-war educational innovations.

Of course, when we first published the tables, we were pilloried by our political opponents and by the educational "experts". They assured us that people did not want the tables, would not read them, would not be able to "understand" them and similar patronising claptrap; or that parents would make snap decisions about their child's future based on the tables alone.

I was not alone in knowing this to be élitist nonsense. Some of us firmly believed at the outset that parents wanted hard, objective information. We thought that they would use the tables sensibly to inform their choice of school, along with the other sources that we have made available, like school prospectuses and annual reports — as well as a dose of that invaluable ingredient, local gossip.

The row that erupted when I first published the tables has now happily subsided. The debate has switched to what should be *in* the tables. The tables are now accepted and are here to stay. They are important tools of accountability. The evidence is clear: parents have a right to know how their children's schools are performing and they *want* to know. In the last two years, demand for the tables has run at the rate of 1.2 million copies. Furthermore, newspapers have attempted to help to satisfy the insatiable appetite of their readers for this information by devoting enormous space to the tables.


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TOP OF THE TABLE

When *The Sun* — with its acute nose for what a mass readership wants — publishes the tables, then that is excellent news. When the *Daily Mirror* starts, as it did in 1993, the game is surely won.

But the media coverage of the tables has been notable for its quality, as well as its quantity. The tables have provoked a fascinating public debate about the successes and difficulties of our education system and perhaps taken us a step towards something this country has sadly — and to its cost — lacked: an education culture.

Last year, we expanded the tables by including vocational qualifications and the results of all independent schools, as well as reporting on levels of school truancy. We also introduced new tables on further education and sixth-form college results. Today, I have announced plans for this year's tables. Information on levels of truancy — which last year helped to flush out one of this country's hidden problems — will be developed and refined to include both authorised and unauthorised absences. And we will report for the first time on the number of hours taught by each school, following the startling revelation by the schools' watchdog, Ofsted, that some children are being denied the equivalent of one year in five of their education.

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So schools performance tables are here to stay. For they not only serve an important diagnostic purpose — taking and reporting on the educational temperature of a school — but they are also vital in helping to improve its intellectual fitness. They help to drive up standards. They energise schools to examine their performance. They thus have an irreversible educational ratchet effect. Schools can compare their performance with other schools but, equally if not more importantly, they can compare it with their own performance over time. They can thus test the extent to which they have added some value. Schools which have higher expectations of their pupils will get more in return. If there is alas no improvement, they might need to introduce a new course of treatment. And that is just what many school management teams have started to do.

Take the Cumberland School in Newham, for example, whose performance in the 1992 tables inspired it to set up an action plan to improve results. By the time of the publication of the 1993 tables, the plan was already bearing fruit. Or the Nicholas School in Basildon, which was similarly spurred on by its showing in the tables. It identified strategies for improvements, such as a monitoring system for GCSE students and supervised study sessions after school. Results in five-plus A-C GCSEs rose from 5 per cent in 1992 to 17 per cent in 1993.

Some people say that so-called "raw" figures may distort what schools actually achieve: the seemingly modest results of a school in a difficult area may be much more creditable that the good results of a school with a different ability intake. I have some sympathy with this argument. Hardworking pupils and teachers deserve proper recognition. But I have also seen for myself enough examples of schools in difficult areas, outperforming not just the local but the national average, to persuade me that results should not be adjusted to reflect in some way or other the supposed social and educational background of a school's intake: this is fiendishly hard to measure in any event. Real value-added measures — how much, say, pupils aged 11 improve in a particular school up to the age of 16 — will be extremely valuable and we are working towards that.

But equally we should never forget that "raw" data — *viz* exam results — are the educational currency young people carry in their pockets as they launch themselves in their careers.

Those who monotonously criticise the publication of results as unfair should look upon the tables as an opportunity, not a threat. The self esteem of a school is not threatened by its position in the tables alone, but more by a failure to improve itself. Conversely, the potential to use the information to positive effect stares us in the face.

Exam results are not the be-all and end-all of what school is about. But they are a vital indicator, to both parents and pupils. They are the equivalent of a health test, to show an intending employer that a person is fully fit for the job.

Let us be in no doubt. There can be no going back on putting exam results in the public domain. Without having results publicly available, some schools could relapse into complacency, thinking they are performing better than comparable schools. They can delude themselves that they are in a much healthier state than they are. That way lies the educational equivalent of arterial sclerosis.

Better they know how they are doing now and respond accordingly. In the end we should not be in the business of keeping any school on a life support machine. On the other hand, we want to be able to breathe new life into those schools which have the ability to recover. To them, the performance tables should be seen as a challenge to be risen to, not a death warrant waiting to be signed.

In training for a disaster

VIEWPOINT



PETER MORTIMORE

In December, when the House of Lords debated the second reading of the latest Education Bill, there was a brief flurry of interest in the training of teachers reported in the press but, even then, much of the comment was on the proposal to alter the legal standing of students' unions. Yet without public debate there is a risk of yet another hastily conceived piece of legislation.

Since 1984, the Government has controlled much of the training through the guidelines of the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, whose members are appointed by the Secretary of State. Furthermore, teacher training is the *only* subject which vice-chancellors of "old" universities allowed to be judged by Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI). Regrettably, however, the main justification for the current Education Bill was a less than accurate quote in a "discussion paper" which implied that teacher training was generally deemed by HMI to be unsatisfactory.

My view is that teacher training is satisfactory, but needs to improve. The National Commission on Education has proposed some useful changes. Of course, some new teachers will feel ill-prepared for their classroom roles, but this may well be simply a result of the demanding nature of the first years of teaching.

Despite the positive evaluations by HMI, the Government has already introduced major changes into training. Last year, a Department for Education circular introduced a legal necessity for universities to form training partnerships with secondary schools and to pay a proportion of student fees to schools. It is proving difficult to agree equitable funding levels for this and to ensure that students are receiving a coherent training of the highest quality. Good quality candidates are coming forward but, quite simply, universities are having to make offers of training before schools have signed up as partners with guaranteed places.

The Government now proposes through its 1994 Education Bill to promote more school-centred teacher training and to create a new quango to oversee the process and, incidentally, to control higher education degrees and even educational research. The House of Lords, in the second reading debate, almost unanimously declared this to be folly. To launch into further untested methods of training, which are bound to increase costs, and to risk destroying well-established centres of excellence was deemed foolish and wrong.

My own view is that if all schools were recognised as excellent then, perhaps, they could cope with the new activity. By no means, however, will all schools make suitable environments for teacher training, nor will all suitable schools wish to take on the role. In consequence, it seems likely that some of the brightest and most committed of the young people now choosing the vocation of teaching may change their minds.

It is not too late for the Government to follow the advice of the Lord Bishop of Ripon to throw out the 1994 Education Bill or "amend it with vigour". In this case a U-turn would surely be interpreted as a sign of strength rather than of weakness. In teacher training, the best system must be based on a *regulated* partnership between government, universities and schools. We need now to agree on the best means to achieve this goal. Where change is needed, it should be based on the best of current practice, not on untested proposals contained in a Bill about which even strong government supporters are right to have serious reservations.

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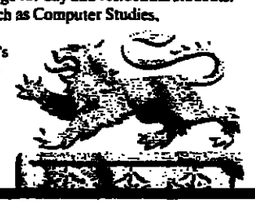
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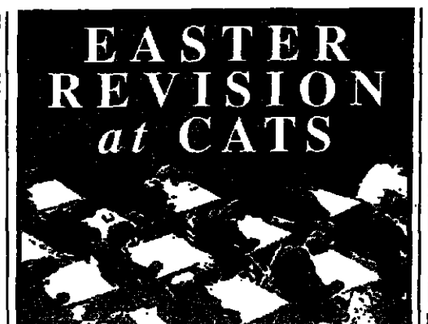


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Pierre Trudeau's memoirs reveal a man who liked to play on the international stage



Developing a fine sense of direction

While Britain's film industry struggles, London is producing the cinema directors of the future. **Andy Lavender** profiles five of the best prospects

It is a thing of wonder that while Britain's film industry is a *stumbling waif*, London is a vibrant centre for film and television training, with more than 35 schools and colleges *producing tomorrow's directors* and technicians. And still they come. *Working Parts*, a new series beginning on Wednesday on Channel 4, offers a chance to assess the work of five new cinema directors. It is an unorthodox collection of programmes. Usually the limited screen time made available to rising young talents has been in short drama and experimental *video slots. Here, on the contrary, are five* 11-minute documentaries, most of them highly idiosyncratic.

Times are brighter for aspiring directors, then. After the current season, Channel 4 will showcase a number of new drama directors in a series presented by Alan Bleasdale. Does this represent a false dawn? Surely most film students are still condemned to lives replaying their favourite videos, idly dreaming of that summons to Hollywood?

"When people talk about the film industry *they usually mean feature films*," explains Martin Amstell, principal of the London International Film School, two of whose *students are represented in the season.* "But of course there's a great deal of other activity that goes on: a vast amount for television and commercials, and the corporate sector is growing. But so much depends on finding yourself in the right place at the right time, and when you do, you have to respond very quickly to people's needs."

The profiles below, then, are an indication of the interests and ambitions of the newest crop of directors working in Britain. One is Mexican and one American, a reflection of London's eminence as a training centre. Their careers will doubtless be various, but from their ranks the next Ridley Scott or Ken Russell might shortly burst forth. The future of film-making in *Britain is even now being prepared.*

● Working Parts *begins with* After You've Gone *on Channel 4 on Wednesday at 9.45pm*



Film's promising talents include, top, Conrad Blakemore, from left, Andrew McCarthy, Tom Stephan and Jesus Munoz, and Beryl Richards

CONRAD BLAKEMORE, 33

Film: *The Watchmaker*, a study of Clifford Bowler, who established his watch and clock mending business in *West Hampstead in 1924.*
Training: Worked as a photographer, then HND in Film and Television, Bournemouth and Poole College of Art and Design.
Influences: "British documentaries made by people like Humphrey Jennings and Lindsay Anderson, which show ordinary people as being interesting and dignified in what they do."
Views: "I'd like to keep making documentaries, although I'd prefer to do these for the big screen. But documentary film-makers have got to be *realistic these days. Your mar*ket is for TV. What really worries me is the increase in *documentaries that purport to* show reality but in the end are too sensational: where you see a big close-up on somebody crying or getting emotional. It can be good TV in some circumstances, but in others it's just manipulation. One of *my ambitions is to make films* about dying trades, shopkeepers and craftsmen."

ANDREW McCARTHY, 34

Film: *Toys for the Boys*, an *account of Hew Kennedy's* desire to build a working trebuchet (a medieval siege machine).
Training: BA in English, University College London. Made films as a member of the Student Union Film Society. Worked *as an assistant* editor then editor for the BBC.
Influences: "Billy Wilder — his films have that wonderful combination of sparkling wit *and black humour. Hugh* Hudson, because he's a very economical, visual storyteller. *And Hal Hartley is an amaz*ing voice out of nowhere."
Views: "I want to make films where I can tell the burden of the story in pictures. I was always frustrated by films which might be about good journalistic issues, but whose visuals were very unexciting. I'd like to work in drama and feature films. Finding employment as a director is hard work, but nobody said it was going to be easy."

JESUS MUNOZ, 24

Film: *Obsession*, a profile of Gerald Wells, who has indulged his lifelong passion for radios and electricity and established a museum at home.
Training: Assistant producer and director on commercials in Mexico. BSc University of Pennsylvania. Currently a final-year student at the London International Film School.
Influences: "None specifically. The movies that have really blown my mind since I've been in London have been very visual — Sally Potter's *Orlando*, and films by Krzysztof Kieslowski."
Views: "People tell me that *Obsession is very subtle, that* it has a straightforward narrative but that you can nonetheless delve deeper into it. I like very simple, straight narrative, nothing too complicated. If I do ever have enough of a reputation to start choosing *my projects, then I would love* to make feature films or even short films. Documentaries are always restrained by reality, whereas with drama you have to create some sort of world. I have a much better chance of being able to enjoy *what I do in Mexico, where the* industry is growing so fast. But England is a good place to study film. I've learnt a lot."

BERYL RICHARDS, 34

Film: *After You've Gone*, an account of some peculiar wills, and of the assessors who deal with the deceased's estate.
Training: BA in media studies, Central London Polytechnic (*now University of Westminster*). MA in film and video, St Martin's College of Art.
Influences: "Martin Scorsese, Pedro Almodóvar, David Lynch, Jane Campion. They all have a strong, individual take on the worlds they show."
Views: "I've done a fair bit of drama since I left college, directing soaps, first *East-Enders* and then *Brookside*. I'm interested in the area that *lies between drama and docu*mentary. With a documentary, for instance, I want to have a lot of control over it as a director, so in fact create almost dramatised sequences — the opposite of a fly-on-the-wall technique. I feel I'm a real *outsider in terms of how I've* come up through the system. I'm not in that inner circuit in television, where there is still quite a strong Oxbridge influence, and it's more male-dominated than not: but that means that your influences *are different. I'd like to make* a film, but it's more likely to be a film for television within the BBC."

TOM STEPHAN, 23

Film: *21st Century Nuns*, a portrait of the London chapter of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a gay male religious sisterhood.
Training: Studied at New *York's School for Film Record*ing Technology. Currently a final-year student at the London International Film School.
Influences: "John Waters — although his films seem really over-the-top, I think they *are the most accurate portray*al of what I've seen of America. And Derek Jarman — his films have the most beautiful visual images."
Views: "*In the third term of the* film course it is mandatory to make a documentary, which was not what I wanted to do at all. I'm probably more interested in drama, although I've no preference for either film or television. I really wanted to *come to London. I've enjoyed* the course and definitely learnt a lot, but I don't necessarily know if I have aspirations to become a director. I might concentrate on music — I've been doing a lot of that lately and I've got a *record deal. I might combine* music and directing and make videos, and I'll probably go back to the States."

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Hungarian stew

HSSO/Kobayashi
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THE concert really began after the members of the Hungarian State Symphony Orchestra had played the last notes of their programme on Wednesday. In half an hour of encores they roared their way through Brahms's Hungarian Dances and extracts from Kodály's *Háry János*, as if they had only just begun.

All this followed rounds of applause-taking as bizarre as any the Barbican has seen. The orchestra's principal conductor is Ken-Ichiro Kobayashi who, *in his desire to run on* and off the platform at full speed, jump up and down, raise and then shake hands with every player in the orchestra, turned himself into a sort of Kabuki Bruce Forsyth. The orchestra, good *naturedly, humoured him.*

The exhibition would not have seemed quite so absurd *had it not been in inverse* proportion to the energy expended during the concert proper. Curiously, Kobayashi acts as a tranquilliser on this once great orchestra. His baton, floating aloft in slow motion in the Overture to *Die Meistersinger*, seemed to will *its rhythmic contours away.*

Even in the Brahms Violin Concerto, with its Hungarian accents shooting through the finale, it took the fiery soloist Lydia Mordkovitch to provide the paprika. Nothing in the sluggish orchestral introduc*tion prepared the ear for her* entry. Starting quietly, she built up a leonine strength, fearing neither momentary ugliness of sound nor stray intonation in her search for expressive magnitude.

The token Bartók was the *Concerto for Orchestra*, and here the stature of these woodwind soloists was confirmed. *But whatever Kobayashi is* bringing to the HSSO now, musical dividends are not greatly in evidence.

HILARY FINCH

Not French enough

ONF/Dutoit
Barbican

GIVEN the land of its origin, the Orchestre National de France ought to be able to play Debussy and Ravel quite well. But they experienced severe problems in their concert last Friday. Some were caused by the fact that Charles Dutoit, their musical director, had not managed to get his orchestra to make friends with the hall's acoustics: he placed the timpani, for instance, in the traditional position, at the centre back, from where they sound boomy and muffled.

But a more serious problem was Dutoit's musical viewpoint. Rarely was subtlety allowed to raise its head, save in the one piece where the orchestra really has no alternative, Ravel's perfumed Klingsor settings of 1903, *Shéhérazade*. Felicity Lott, whose voice is perfectly coloured for such music, was at her beguiling best in this piece. She seduced us with her promises of heady experiences in "Asie" while the unspoken, secret romance in "La flute enchantée" gave us all the poetic charm we required.

Dutoit kept the orchestral contribution in balance, yet still it lacked a certain subtlety of colouring. Perhaps that was to be expected, since it followed the Second Suite from Roussel's ballet *Bacchus et Ariane*, a *Daphnis et Chloé* writ crude and here played crude too. Debussy's *La Mer* deserved more careful treatment than that, yet Dutoit brought to bear upon its first movement, "De l'Aube à midi sur la mer", a similar clumsiness. In fact the whole reading was unpliant, the sound blandly North Germanic rather than suavely Parisian.

In Ravel's *La Valse*, the programmed encore, neither the faux-elegance of the piece nor its unsettling magnification and refraction of fin de siècle Viennese society dance quite came off as one would *have hoped it would.*

STEPHEN PETTITT

TELEVISION REVIEW

On patrol with the ghostbusters

SECURING a good table at a fashionable restaurant may impress your friends, but, frankly, having a smart accountant cuts more social ice. If you didn't already know this, you should have taken a peek at just how fanatical Johnny Taxman can get in search of his dues.

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Ghostbusters all dress to *blend in with their beat:* anoraks for suburban back streets, Barbour jackets for bloodstock sales, gumboots for farm visits. The next time you spot a man in a grubby raincoat dialling those numbers you see in seedy tele*phone kiosks, don't assume* he's a sex pervert. He could well be that diligent Mr Jones *from London Provincial 22.*

JOE JOSEPH

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

MANCHESTER. The Bush Theatre chose John Harvey's **The Beautiful Thing** for its first tour in over a decade. A contemporary inner-city tale which mixes teenage reality with fantasy and good humour
Dancehouse, 10 Oxford Road (061-242 2555). Tonight-Sat 7.30pm
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Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). Mon-Sat 7.15 pm
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■ **THE MADNESS OF ESME AND SHAZ** *New Sarah Daniels play. God sends a troublesome niece to disturb the retirement years of a woman who'd rather be learning the piano*
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 25541). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 5

□ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE.** French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies
Strand, Aldwych WC2 (071-930 9800). Mon-Thurs 6pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 9.45pm

■ **PERE GORIOT:** A father's self-sacrificing love for his unimpressed daughters. Geoffrey Bevers adapts and directs Balzac's great novel
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Feb 17 and 24, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm. Until Mar 12

□ **PIAF** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brumming) and Sat 3pm

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York and Michael Praed
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm

□ **WAITING FOR GODOT** Beckett set in a desert in the Levant and performed by two Middle East actors. Co-production with Theatre Royal Plymouth
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Everyman (071-435 1525) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426-915 353)

FLIGHT OF THE INNOCENT (18) Italian urchin flees family tragedy. A good subject let down by vulgar images. Director, Carlo Carlei
Metro (071-437 0757)

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15) German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U) Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder
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◆ **ETHAN FROME** Over-polite version of Edith Wharton's grim novel of thwarted love, with Liam Neeson, Joan Allen, Patricia Arquette. John Madden directs
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

◆ **FREE WILLY** (U) Tearaway kid finds his soulmate, a surly amusement park whale. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs.
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THEATRE: A well-meaning fantasy which draws on the experiences of young British Asians

Genie knocks the racists for six

Wicked, Yaar!
Watermans, Brentford

WHAT more could a young audience want? The new play Garry Lyons has written for the National is a blend of fairy-tale, Spielbergian sci-fi, rap, reggae and "bhangra", which crosses Indian boing with western bang. Add colourful costumes, a little dance, a lot of mimed cricket, and some conscience-grabbing racial aggro, and the result ought to be irresistible, at least to *the school-age spectators at whom it is* aimed. Yet my persistent feeling, and I suspect that of some of those around me, was that the piece needs lightening and relieving of its more sententious moments before it visits the Cottesloe next month.

The hero is Malik Mir (Ravi Aujla), a Yorkshire lad of Asian extraction and good enough at cricket to have hopes of one day playing for his county. He *finds a cast-off medallion, gives it a rub* — and who should appear in a swirl of light and smoke but a grave young man wearing a reddish tartan suit and gold shoes with curled up toes? He is a "ghul", slave of Asaf the Ifreet, a ferocious warrior himself in thrall to the Roc Bird, who spends her days sitting on a huge egg. If he omits to obey the "master of the medallion", as they call Malik, these celestial potentates *will not allow him to return to his* family in the Mountains of Kaf.

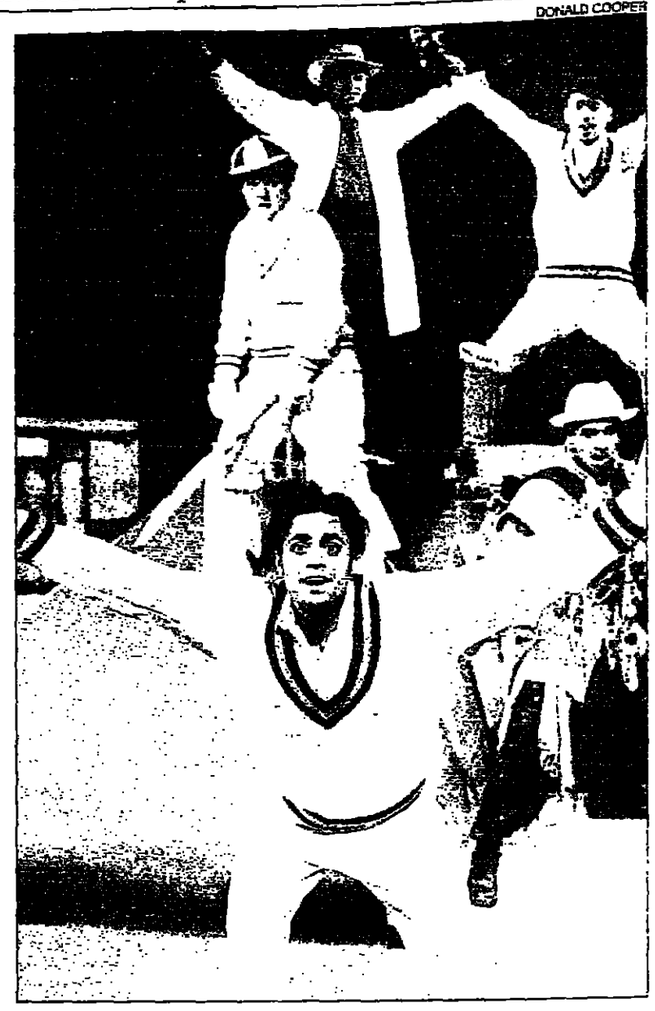
Quite a quandary for a genie with a nice liberal conscience, don't you think? Fortunately, Malik wants relatively little: a bit of help for his poor but virtuous mother, who is menaced by the taxman, and for himself when he is attacked by white racists or in danger *of losing to a cricket team captained by* a girl. The trouble comes when the *medallion is stolen by a thug nick*-named Gazza, who wants nothing but consumer durables and the opportunity to stab Malik to death. Dare our ghul (Bhasker) defy an Ifreet, especially one with what appear to be rhinoceros horns sticking out of his torso?

The happyish denouement is not altogether satisfactory. It is unclear if the clock gets sent into reverse by some supernal being — Greenwich the Mean Time? — or if the whole story has been Malik's traumatic dream. All that seems sure is that Garry Lyons is very much against racism, hierarchies, class-distinctions and evil. At any rate, that is what emerges from the severe *ticking-off the Roc Bird ends by giving* Asaf the Ifreet, who has been guilty of treating both genies and earthlings rather as skinheads treat Muslims. If you countenance ill, she tells him, you partake of ill: to which the only proper response must be a deferential Right On, Roc Bird.

Beneath the imaginative show I sense an earnest, predictable *mind for* which even Aladdin is an opportunity *to preach. But John Turner's* production has its moments: catchy music, clothes festooned with beads, tassels, scarves, handkerchiefs et al, and a show-stopping dance number. When the cast is waving its arms and stamping its feet, it doesn't seem to matter that it is also capable of intoning, only half-jokily, "how is it that God Almighty can make a thing so cold and cruel and whitey?"

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Ravi Aujla in Wicked, Yaar!: when the cast is waving its arms and stamping its feet, the play's sententiousness hardly seems to matter

CONCERTS: Two great veterans of the recital platform make welcome London appearances

Perfection still at his fingertips

John Williams
Wigmore Hall

ALL the superlatives associated with John Williams as a guitarist have long since been exhausted, but that does not diminish the real pleasure at hearing *him back in solo splendour on the* concert platform. The first of what is billed as a "John Williams mini-series" of three programmes was confined to Baroque music; Spanish romantic music was to follow, with more contemporary works on Wednesday.

Simply to hear the guitar speak in its natural voice is a particular delight these days, and when the player commands the range of timbre that Williams does, from velvet-soft to a barbed-wire plangency, it is hard to see *the need for anything more.* He displayed much of his range in the half *dozen sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti* with which he began, and which translate very effectively from their keyboard origins to fingered strings.

In place of printed programme notes Williams spoke briefly from the platform. He stressed the dance character and the Iberian origin of the chaconne he played from Bach's D minor Violin Partita, where the reproduction of a violin line in terms of the guitar was attractively supplemented by neat em*bellishments, to compensate for the* fairly narrow range of pitch.

Bach's E major Lute Suite (No 4) was greatly varied in the character of its *dance movements, from the subtle* shifts of emphasis in phrasing the Prelude, through the rhythmic inflection of the solemn Loure and jaunty *Gavotte, the placid charm of the* Minuets and the vivacious spirit of the Bourrée and Finale. If evidence were wanted that superlatives still applied, the style and command exhibited here was more than enough.

Williams told us he thought that Sylvius Weiss, a contemporary of Bach and a lutenist of some renown, was at his best in slow, explicit music, and showed what he meant in the almost romantic feeling of a *Tombeau*, or elegy. A lively and genial Vivaldi *Concerto (Op 3, No 9) ended the* programme. Afterwards he looked set *for a session of encores, of which Bach* and Praetorius were first and second.

NOEL GOODWIN



John Williams: ranging from velvet softness to barbed-wire plangency

Vestiges of past glory

Prey/Levine
Queen Elizabeth Hall

HERMANN Prey and Schubert Lieder are inextricably linked. In this country alone, Prey has given no fewer than six recitals devoted to Schubert songs at the Wigmore Hall, while the popularity of his Schubertiade at Hohenems led to the foundation of similar cycles in Vienna and New York. His QEH recital on Thursday was a Lieder recital *in the classic mould, with no* frills, and applause between items *discouraged: in the first half were* songs on the subjects of Life, God and Nature, and in the second on Love.

Prey's twin assets have long been his resonant, burnished tone, especially colourful lower down in the range, and his genial platform manner. In his 65th year those assets stand him in good stead, for the vocal equipment is no longer as reliable as it was. Prey's *difficulty in supporting his tone now* results in consistent singing under the *note and an all too rare legato line.*

Intonation problems were less obvious in declamatory songs such as "Dem Unendlichen" and "Die Allmacht", where the line seemed almost to be held together by willpower. The forceful projection of the latter was an impressive achievement, all the more hair-raising for the sense of the abyss that loomed beneath.

Even *compromised by fading tech*nique, Prey was able to bring a song *like "Alinde" to life, adopting a light,* jocular tone for the fisherman and his catch (he has no time to chase after girls), a more demonstrative one for the addressing of the huntsman, a dark one for the heaviness of heart, and a final lightening of timbre for the relief expressed at the conclusion. One also relished the humour of that other self-denying angler in "Fischerweise" and the sighed "Louise" of the more red-blooded youth in "Der Jungling an der Quelle", while aware that these characterisations were mere shadows of what was intended.

Levine throughout supplied pretti*fied, cutesy accompaniments that* seemed to bear no relation to the texts. *Rippling pianissimo figurations* were the order of the day, with little tonal variety and no rhythmic nuances. It was the playing of a sewing-machine, albeit a very sleek, high-tech one.

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The trouble with Trudeau

Ian McIntyre on Trudeau's memoirs, which reveal a man who liked to play on the world stage, but was unable to stem Québécois separatism



Trudeau hosts a 1981 summit with Reagan, Schmidt, Mitterrand and Mrs Thatcher. After meeting Reagan, Mitterrand asked Trudeau: "What planet is that man from?"

As prime ministerial memoirs go, these are unconventional and not especially meaty — large print, broad margins, lots of not very good *snapshots from the family* album. The book grew out of the transcripts of extended interviews conducted for a series of television documentaries and has been much worked over by journalistic *friends*.

It is presented as a relaxed, almost casual essay in reminiscence, but it reads like a cunning and tightly controlled exercise in image-projection. Those wishing to form a *reasonably comprehensive* picture of the Trudeau years will need to apply to the Canadian High Commission for a supplementary reading list.

Once he got round to it, Pierre Elliott Trudeau shinned up the greasy pole with dramatic speed and defied the law of political gravity longer than most. He first came to power ("like a stone through a stained-glass window", one journalist wrote) in the era of Charles de Gaulle; by the time he bowed out, the headlines were being claimed by Margaret Thatcher and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Trudeau was an improbable leader of the Canadian Liberal Party. He is French-Canadian. He was expensively over-educated — Université de Montréal, Harvard, "Sciences-po" in Paris, an admiring pupil of *Harold Laski's at the London* School of Economics ("So you're enrolling at this famous school filled with black men and red women?" said a discerning aunt in Varngeille.)

Back in Quebec at the age of thirty, he felt no stirring of political ambition. He loathed what he saw as the reactionary conservatism of the Union Nationale and quotes approvingly a mocking *chansonnier* of the day: "When the Soviets invade, they'll rename Montreal. They'll call it Retrograd." After Trudeau and his new frontiersmen had invaded Ottawa, there were those who renamed it Camelot *North*.

There was no escape during his years in office from the central constitutional question forced on the attention of the rest of the federation by the strength of separatist feeling in Quebec. Paradoxically, it was the hunger among English-speaking Canadians for a strong man who would cut Quebec down to size which initially led so many of them to support him.

Politicos of the old school were flabbergasted — they had variously dismissed him as a

MEMOIRS
By Pierre Trudeau
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drifter, a playboy, a ladies' man or an arrogant intellectual swinger.

Trudeaumania was also fuelled by the simple fact that he looked good on television. One TV producer wrote ecstatically about "the graven elegance of the high cheekbones and the *big nose*". *It should, he conceded*, have been an ugly face — it was furrowed and pock-marked — but the parts were "masterfully assembled for the lens".

If his knowledge of the political process was imperfect, his understanding of what the media could do for him appeared instinctive. Early in his premiership he received John Lennon and Yoko Ono. "If all politicians were like Mr Trudeau," opined Lennon, "there would be world peace."

Nuclear issues apart, Trudeau was not in those early years particularly interested in foreign affairs. *Later, like the* leaders of so many middle-rank powers, he was badly afflicted by the itch to strut on a wider stage. He admired Helmut Schmidt and James Callaghan, didn't get on with Mrs Gandhi, went skin-diving with Fidel Castro and found Ronald Reagan's view of the world "largely anecdotal".

At the 1981 Montebello economic summit François Mitterrand advocated certain measures to improve relations with the Soviet Union. Reagan launched *into a story about his* time as President of Actors Equity in the 1940s, regaling his colleagues with an account of a priest who had been trained in Moscow as a KGB agent and sent to spread discord in Hollywood. It was the French President's first experience of the Reagan style. "What planet is that man from?" he asked Trudeau.

Ten years after his departure from politics, some readers may ask the same question about Trudeau himself. In the middle 1980s, he tells us, he watched with admiration while Gorbachev "almost singlehandedly began to defuse tensions and put an end to the Cold War". He also believes that while Gorbachev was trying to hold the Soviet Union together by attempting to turn it into a truly federal state, "we in the west made sure it would break up by rushing to recognise every Tom, Dick and Harry republic that decided to proclaim its independence".

I foresee a strong surge of Trudeaumania in the Baltic Republics. That old democratic centralist Laski would have been proud of him.

BOOKS ON THURSDAY
Peter Ackroyd on the greatest journalist of his day, Charles Dickens: "Neither a liberal nor an intellectual." Plus David Pryce-Jones on Chinese rulers and their slaves: Zhou Enlai and Harry Wu

Digger meets the werewolf

Sean French

JACKO
The Great Intruder
By Thomas Keneally
Hodder & Stoughton, £15.99

AS ALL of us know, from Prince Charles down, Australia is in the process of shaking Britain off. In this exciting process of realignment, there is a compelling opportunity for writers to join the process of remaking their country's identity. Just a few years ago Robert Hughes was able to reshape most Australians' view of their own origins with his history of the convicts who colonised it in *The Fatal Shore*. Clive James is to write a major work on the complex relationship between Australia and Japan.

Thomas Keneally has already written a polemical non-fiction work about modern Australia, provocatively titled *Memoirs from a Young Republic*. The point of his new novel is that where ambitious Australians might have once sought success in Britain, now they gravitate naturally to America (though Keneally makes this point all the more effectively by not even deigning to mention Britain). Jacko Emptor is a hero in the classic Australian mould, apparently coarse but also sensitive and intelligent. He has become a star of an American trash TV show, in which he climbs into people's homes through their windows and interviews them. The novel begins with Jacko being lifted up by a crane to bang at the window of a random 14th floor apartment in New York City. His chance victim is Bob Sondquist who talks of his missing daughter. Sonny and Jacko — with his characteristic impetuous generosity — undertakes to track her down.

The story's narrator is a friend, fellow Australian and minor novelist, who also visits Sydney and the distant ranch presided over by Jacko's mother, Chloe, a tough, yet profoundly literate woman with a particular admiration for Australia's greatest novelist, Michael Rickham, a thinly disguised portrait of Patrick White. One of Keneally's themes is the familial intimacy of Australian cultural life as compared with the alienated vastness of American society and there are glimpses of numerous Australian figures under cursory pseudonyms: Fred Schepisi, David Williamson, Peter Weir, Bruce Beresford, and presumably others that the non-Australian reader will fail to notice. Rather tiresomely, the Rupert Murdoch character is called Basil Sutherland and the Joan Sutherland character is called Dame Roberta Murdoch, and Sutherland's TV network is called Vixen (instead of Fox).

Jacko is deftly and entertainingly told but for all its cumbersome cultural baggage, it is little more than a version of Barry Humphries's Barry MacKenzie cartoon strip, the good-hearted digger leaving Oz to travel in the perilous Manichaean lands of Britain or America. More specifically, the book bears the signs of having been derived from two hit films, *Crocodile Dundee* and *The Silence of the Lambs* — Australian innocence encounters American Gothic. Jacko's technique of clambering through windows in search of interview-fodder is not. Keneally touchingly suggests, a brutal violation of privacy but a generous attempt to bring the neighbourly value of the outback — or the values of *Neighbours*, one might add — to the cold world of urban America. Finding Sonny Sondquist, Jacko encounters depths of evil for which he was unprepared.

Those who have been impressed by the moral complexity and linguistic power of earlier Keneally novels might be dismayed by the baggy slackness of *Jacko*, its reliance on unexamined stereotypes. This under-imagined novel is the result of thinking in terms of nations and theories rather than the pungent, stubborn particularity that is at the heart of all good fiction.



Keneally with his family: he extols the domestic intimacy of Australian cultural life

PAPERBACKS

IMPOSSIBLE VACATION
By Spalding Gray
Picador, £5.99

THIS novel has been described as "*The Catcher in the Rye* for the over-thirties", but its first person narrator, Brewster North, knows things that Holden Caulfield never dreamed of. The story of Brewster's search for self, from a mother-fixated East Coast adolescence to breakdown in New York and enlightenment at the Grand Canyon, takes in a brief career in porno movies and group gropes at the Bhagwan's *ashram* in Poona. It's a kind of Oedipal odyssey, rueful, touching, much funnier than its storyline suggests and containing some deadly social observation.

COWBOYS ARE MY WEAKNESS
By Pam Houston
Virago, £5.99

THE central question in newcomer Houston's wonderfully wry American wilderness stories is why does life with certain sorts of men have to be such an endurance test and, since it is, why don't women steer clear of them. For Houston's otherwise strong-minded women, the fatal attraction of a man who shoots rapids, hunts moose or braves sub-zero temperatures outweighs the certain knowledge that he will cheat, lie, be emotionally unavailable, turn them on with his cowboy style and turf them out when it suits him.



ELIZABETH GASKELL
By Jenny Uglow
Faber, £10.99

UGLOW'S rich, sensitive and subtle biography of Mrs Gaskell reveals a compulsive and enquiring storyteller producing work from the thick of mid-century argument and experience. The range of Mrs Gaskell's writing (stories, novels and the biography of her friend Charlotte Brontë) echoes the range of her activities and sympathies. These extended from the intimate to the public and included travel, sentiment, politics, industrial relations, romance, religion, science and the many roles of women. A highly recommended life.

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A slew of sleuthesses

CRIME

Lindsay Clarke's stunning **Alice's Masque** *(Jonathan Cape, £14.99)* starts as a story of lost irretrievable love. Ronan has left his wife to search for the lover he should not have abandoned who has taken refuge with the elderly Alice in an isolated Cornish house. The nude, savagely mutilated body of a young woman is found in a neighbouring cove.

Ronan's desperate quest, for himself as much for Leah, becomes enmeshed in the myths and magic of the sinister Cornish coast. Fey Alice, herself a refugee from a scandal long ago, acts as a conduit between the emotional and physical brutality of the modern world and the legends of the next. The interwoven mysteries of present and future climax with immense force and imagination, and bursts of astonishing beauty.

In the still expanding league of American female private eyes, Linda Barnes's creation Carlotta Carlyle is in the top half of the first division, without quite challenging for the title (current holder Patricia Cornwell). **Snapshot** *(Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99)* keeps her there but doesn't advance her claims. Six-foot Bostonian flame-haired cab-driving Carlotta is hired to look into the hospital death of her rich but weird client's six-year-old daughter. A nurse who attended her dies too. This is sinister doctor country, done with pace and humour, and starring a fanciable shrink.

Carlotta's preoccupation with her 11-year-old friend's family problems, though, is a sub-plot too long. *Snapshot* is still first rate, but no lift-off.

Leah Hunter, a 25-year-old tax-inspector, makes her second appearance in **File under: Missing** by Sarah Lacey *(Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99)*. A friend persuades her to seek her missing son, last spotted partying at the country house of a louche and dodgy music producer. Hunter belongs to the physical school of detection: she jogs and gets beaten in the local constabulary. She doesn't in this book use her fiscal expertise much, which seems a waste. In the absence of anything recent from Sarah Caudwell, the genre could do with a good, English, financial sleuthess.

ufdrop.3,700In **Bitter Herbs** by Natasha Cooper *(Simon & Schuster, £14.99)* Home Office policy adviser and (under a pseudonym) best-selling author of romantic tosh Willow King gets a commission to research a biography of a popular novelist, who promptly expires. The deceased, it turns out, had accumulated hordes of enemies with an interest in her demise: Willow's inquiries, with the funeral only days away, turn to the criminal.

She is an amiable, chatty, sophisticated but slightly old-fashioned kind of heroine, burdened with the seemingly obligatory boy-friend in the force, reaching conclusions through insight and intelligence rather than high action. A well written, consistently enjoyable English antidote to the sometimes over-muscular American fashion.

The naked, legless, body of an adulterous and generally nasty marine scientist appears floating in the whale-pool of Vancouver's aquarium. Aquatic mammalian suspects soon yield to the human variety. **Killers** by Laurence Gough *(Gollancz, 15.99)* has the detective duo Claire Parker and Jack Willows, now also emotionally entangled, sifting the watery evidence, complicated by an unhelpful eye-witness with a different agenda. Gough is one of the most inventively reliable bloodsmiths in the trade. His plots and characters are strong and convincing, his mordant humour never forced, the action violent but believable.

Bill James does not spare the anguish. In **Roses, Roses** *(Macmillan, £13.99)*, Chief Super Colin Harpur discovers his wife's body, stabbed in a car-park. She had, that day, intended to tell him she was leaving him for her lover. The equally adulterous Harpur, as much angry as grieving, investigates, against the rules, James's normal, brilliantly portrayed, beat is the morally twilight world where cop meets villain. Harpur bereaved is only a little more sympathetic than the crude Harpur from previous novels but James's skill in exposing the intensities behind police facades is undiminished, and his cop-station dialogue is unmatched.

This is the season for bumped off partners. In **A Beautiful Death** by S.T.Haymon *(Constable, £13.99)* Detective Inspector Ben Jurnet hears his paramour Miriam being blown up in a car explosion. The IRA are obvious suspects but Jurnet's investigative journey to Ireland and into his grief raise subtler, more complex explanations. Haymon is strong on psychological insight, and Jurnet remains one of the more interesting coppers around, but on this occasion emotion has unduly overshadowed plot. Even below her best she is well ahead of the competition.

In Simon Brett's **A Reconstructed Corpse** the perpetually resting, charmingly seedy actor Charles Paris manages to land a voiceless part as a missing property developer in a television reconstruction of his disappearance. A body is assembled, limb by limb, and Paris's TV appearances increase, as does his penchant for personally meddling in deaths that don't concern him. It's frothy, undemanding stuff, but full of fun and not a few frissons.

MARCEL BERLINS



City whizz-kids

Primary Update looks at teachers who provide security and success in the face of urban deprivation in this week's TES

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Capitalisation, week's change

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6,725.40	Abbey Nat	513	-3	11.8	2.9	10.9
1,845.00	Allied Irish	280	+4	...	3.7	14.3
3,445.70	ANZ New Z	263½	-7½	...	3.5	20.7
10,265.00	BankAmerica	2467½	-37½	...	...	...
1,334.10	Bk of Ireland	283	+6	...	4.4	20.9
36.90	Bk Leumi UK	491	+55	20.0	5.8	∞
2,631.50	Bank Scotland	220	-7½	4.6	2.9	30.7
9,364.70	Barclays	577	-2	...	2.7	...
17.20	Carlisle	31½	+2	...	...	...
155.20	Cater Allen	544	-4	28.0	6.4	...
179.30	Cattle	162	-7	...	3.5	21.0
4,223.00	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
10,402.20	Citicorp	2743½	-49½	...	...	...
237.20	Close Bros	525	-12	...	2.6	19.1
4,576.80	Commerzbk	£140	-268½	...	...	...
15,475.00	Deutsche Bk	£324½	+1177½	...	1.9	...
146.70	First Nat Fin	99	+2	...	2.1	...
40,549.30	Fuji Bank Y	1400½	-17½	...	0.4	...
199.70	Gerrard Nat	498	-5	21.5	5.4	13.2
8,127.90	HSBC	900	-20	20.0	2.5	23.7
17,274.80	HSBC HK	1012	-19	20.0	2.5	24.2
232.60	Hambros	410	-34	14.3	4.3	19.2
23.00	Joseph (L)	456	...	16.7	4.8	...
26.10	King Shaxson	105	...	9.0	6.8	...
812.30	Kleinwort Ben	614	-43	15.5	3.5	∞
7,871.40	Lloyds	597 †	-45	...	4.6	12.6
66.90	Lon Scot Bk	114 †	-2	2.4	2.7	19.3
7,624.60	Nat Aust Bk	560	-17½	...	4.1	14.1
8,956.22	Nat West	559	-15	17.8	4.1	30.7
700.60	Provident	524	-11	12.4	3.0	25.7
25.30	Rea Bros	66	-2	0.5	1.0	70.2
3,947.80	Rst Bk Scot	484 †	+5	...	2.8	21.0
1,346.30	Schroders	1333	-67	...	1.1	26.6
2,124.90	Stand Chart	1302	-3	20.5	2.0	...
3,776.10	TSB	247 †	-10	...	3.9	10.8
37.00	Union Disc	205	-10	3.0	1.9	...
1,987.70	Warburg SG	916	-19	...	2.7	13.4
5,037.80	Wells Fargo	9093½	+243½	...	3.0	...
4,277.80	Westpac	244	-11	...	2.7	...
32.80	Wintrust	343	...	...	3.2	33.0

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,503.60	Allied-Lyons	620 †	+1	...	4.3	17.2
4,504.90	Bass	519	...	...	4.6	13.6
171.60	Boddington	275	-5	7.5	3.4	16.0
235.50	Bulmer (HP)	454 †	-1	...	2.9	18.2
36.20	Burtonwood Brw	175 †	+1	4.7	3.4	14.5
32.90	Eldridge P 'A'	106	...	...	2.7	23.0
2,019.10	Fosters Brewing	62½	...	...	4.6	73.8
99.50	Fullr Sm 'A'	490	+15	7.5	1.9	20.6
9,525.40	Grand Met	453 †	-22	...	3.5	19.9
649.60	Greenalls Grp	455 †	-3	...	3.4	15.7
231.40	Greene King	547	-2	...	2.8	15.3
10,477.30	Guinness	521	-1	...	2.9	19.5
21.70	Hallin Hldgs	71 †	...	...	...	55.4
68.20	Hardy Hanson	261 †	...	...	4.1	14.0
3.55	Heavitree	150 †	-2	3.6	3.0	∞
421.70	Highland Distl	420	-21	...	3.0	30.9
94.90	Holt J	3163	-37	42.0	1.7	20.6
172.40	Macallan-Glen	148	-3	4.7	3.2	33.2
65.50	Marstn Marsn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
139.20	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.1	15.5
264.20	Mrston Thmp	296	...	...	2.3	16.5
127.20	Matthew Clark	555	...	...	2.1	31.6
25.90	Mrrydwn W	213	-3	7.0	4.1	19.0
110.30	Morland	513	-5	...	2.4	17.6
5.15	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.6	15.5
39.50	Regent Inns	267	-10	...	2.1	27.1
6,855.70	SA Breweries	1265½	-34½	...	2.2	21.0
2,801.00	Scot & New	527½	+9½	...	4.0	16.1
184.70	Taunton Cider	169	-2	6.2	4.6	13.2
395.90	Vaux Group	295	...	...	4.2	18.3
123.40	Wetherspoon JD	394	-15	...	1.7	30.6
2,455.30	Whitbread	547	+3	...	4.1	13.1
353.50	Wolvrhmptn D	534	-14	...	2.9	15.0
15.30	Young 'A'	528	-3	14.7	3.5	21.9

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75.50	Abbey	195	-10	...	1.3	30.0
18.10	Albrighton	25	+2	...	0.5	...
52.50	Allen	197	+1	...	3.2	44.6
309.40	Amec	153	+6	3.0	2.5	28.3
2.96	Anglia Sec	12 #	...	...	...	...
135.30	Ashtead	451	-36	...	1.3	47.7
460.80	Atwoods	163	-1	...	3.8	...
1,712.10	BPB Ind	344	-2	...	2.5	41.2
49.20	Baggeridge Brk	124	+1	...	3.2	37.3
4.08	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.9	...
15.30	Barcom	52	-15	...	4.6	9.8
326.60	Baron	94	+7	2.0	4.2	29.1
511.00	Barratt Dev	252	-3	...	1.8	30.3
716.30	Bellway	283	-5	...	2.7	26.0
25.40	Bellwinch	58	...	...	...	...
353.80	Berisford Intl	227	-3	...	...	...
439.50	Berkeley Gp	570	...	...	1.4	30.3
22.90	Bett Bros	153	...	...	1.6	19.8
18.00	Blockleys	75	-9	1.0	1.7	...
2,579.60	Blue Circle	367	-7	...	3.5	...
98.40	Boot (Henry)	340	-4	6.0	2.2	19.0
32.40	Breedon PLC	114	...	4.6	5.0	26.0
26.80	Br Dredging	155	-9	5.2	4.2	34.0
21.70	Brit Fittings	91	-7	1.7	2.4	...
519.30	Bryant	189 †	-2	...	2.2	38.6
51.40	CALA	145	+2	...	2.0	...
1,238.50	CRH	381	-3	...	2.2	30.9
3.46	Caledonia Rby	69	-10	...	...	...
24.60	Costain	39	-1	...	...	...
133.50	Countryside	175	-1	...	3.0	∞
116.20	Crest Nicholson	117 †	-4	...	1.1	...
24.00	Cussins	135	...	...	0.9	...
10.70	Edmond Hldgs	21	-½	0.2	1.5	...
59.10	Epwin	300	...	7.0	2.9	25.4
35.50	Erith	75	-2	0.2	0.6	...
42.70	Eve Group	458 †	-3	...	2.5	17.3
17.10	Freeman Gp	25	-9	0.0	2.2	36.8
52.40	Galliford	59	-1	...	...	...
1.69	Gibbs & Dandy	97	-1	...	2.6	...
105.00	Gleeson (MJ)	1020	...	...	1.6	67.7
56.10	Hewden-Stuart	166	-6	...	2.1	34.2
4.74	Henderson	51	...	...	2.3	37.3
416.10	Heywd Wlm	445	-6	12.0	4.0	...
60.90	Higgs & Hill	134	+6	2.5	2.3	...
12.50	How Gp	20	-1	...	4.7	...
7.05	Howard Hldg	70	-5	0.2	2.1	...
277.80	Ibstock Johnsen	95	-4	1.0	1.5	...
15.90	Jarvis	227	...	...	...	...
184.20	Laing (J)	411	-3	2.0	2.7	16.4
62.90	-do- 6.6% Cv Pf	156½	...	...	5.1	...
13.20	Ln Chdeside	145 †	-2	...	4.3	25.5
63.10	Lovell (YJ)	158	-2	...	...	...
145.50	Manders	396	-10	5.2	3.0	23.5
544.90	Marley	191	-2	4.2	2.2	56.0
170.20	Marshalls	[illegible] †	-2	...	3.6	...
62.70	Maunders (J)	255	+3	...	2.3	24.4
165.50	McAlpine (A)	228	+42	0.5	1.5	∞
12.60	McCarthy & S	75	...	0.5	0.8	...
677.20	Meyer Int	540	-10	...	2.3	34.1
40.50	Mowlem (J)	149	-10	1.0	2.6	...
35.00	NSM	204	-17	...	...	...
7.70	Needler	41	...	...	4.9	19.7
216.20	Newman Tnks	179	-1	...	4.2	21.0
368.40	Persimmon	354	+2	8.0	2.9	38.2
6.25	Phoenix Timber	15	+2	...	...	...
19.60	Pochins	1790	...	29.0	2.0	25.5
148.90	Prowting	192	...	3.4	2.2	...
1,914.80	RMC Gp	972	+21	...	2.6	36.5
199.10	Raine Ind	106	-2	...	3.5	25.1
9.60	Ramus	40	-8	...	...	...
3,034.10	Redland	556	-8	25.0	5.3	34.2
11.20	Roskel	75	+4	4.3	7.2	11.1
946.40	Rugby Group	323	+4	6.4	2.5	24.7
9.09	Sreild-Rees	56	...	...	0.5	...
37.00	Sharpe & Fisher	179	-1	...	2.8	31.1
179.10	Sheffield Insl	260	-23	...	2.6	63.8
37.10	Sherift Hldgs	258	...	...	1.8	34.8
3.42	Shorco	110	...	5.2	5.0	25.0
24.70	Smart (J)	145	-10	...	4.3	18.5
14.30	Starmin	4½	...	...	...	...
1,725.60	Tarmac	189	+6	5.5	3.6	...
73.00	Tay Homes	250	+5	...	2.9	30.9
748.20	Taylor Woodrw	179	-19	1.0	0.7	...
25.90	Tilbury Dougls	760	-7	33.0	5.4	24.7
5.51	Torex Hire	54 †	...	...	1.4	...
246.50	Travis Perkins	339	-4	8.0	2.9	59.7
6.75	Trencherwood	27	...	...	...	...
16.40	Try Group	38	+2	1.0	3.3	10.8
2.29	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
51.50	Vibroplant	112	...	2.5	2.8	40.3
34.70	Ward Hldgs	66	-4	...	...	...
7.07	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
96.70	Watts Blake	465	-10	...	3.2	20.1
147.50	Westbury	222	+10	5.0	2.8	34.6
27.90	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
522.30	Wilson Bowdn	561	-1	...	2.0	39.5
452.90	Wilson (C)	239	-5	3.9	2.1	41.4
637.60	Wimpey G	224	-1	...	2.9	...
3.70	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
998.91	ADT	719	...	...	...	...
17.00	Adam & Harvey	348	+5	13.0	4.1	7.3
6.03	Air London	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
3.66	African Lakes	59	+11	2.0	4.2	...
156.90	Auto Sec	134	...	...	3.7	24.0
1,345.20	BET Ord	144	+1½	...	2.0	5.8
20.50	BNB Res	144	...	4.9	4.3	...
65.70	BPP	250	-3	8.3	4.2	13.5
51.90	BSM	186	+2	...	3.9	16.3
36.40	Barbour Index	219	-1	8.1	4.7	14.7
14.50	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
50.10	Brit Data Mgt	206	+1	4.7	2.9	15.0
4.62	Broadcastle	29	...	...	1.1	23.1
3.67	Brooks Service	72	-3	...	0.9	...
60.60	CRT Gp	114	+4	...	3.2	20.4
103.90	Capita Group	217	-3	...	1.5	33.0
53.20	Caskets Plc	56½	...	...	2.0	21.7
22.90	Chiltern Capital	24½	...	...	...	...
19.20	Christie	42	-2	...	...	...
104.00	Chubb Sec	390	+4	...	1.7	24.2
42.00	Comlac	115	-1	...	1.6	30.0
17.70	Corp Services	47	...	...	...	...
24.00	Coutts Cnslg	96	-4	...	...	...
24.40	Dart	150	...	3.3	2.6	21.6
22.90	Davis Service	267	-2	...	3.7	20.1
27.50	EW Facta	151	...	3.9	3.7	17.3
32.20	Gardiner	30	-½	0.7	3.1	∞
1,298.10	Hays	319	+1	...	2.1	27.8
19.50	Hoeg Robinsn	284	...	...	3.0	20.7
15.00	Holmes Protecn	34	...	...	...	2.1
11,325.00	Hutch Whamp	314	-19½	...	1.5	26.0
165.40	ISS B DKr	2640½	-53½	...	0.8	18.2
3,037.80	Inchcape	579	...	...	3.1	15.9
202.50	Johnson Clean	1028	...	25.7	3.1	22.7
59.20	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
42.00	Mice Gp	342	...	4.0	1.4	34.9
907.20	Manpower	1219½	+12	...	...	...
46.30	Michael Page	77½	-½	1.8	2.9	32.9
5.26	Pennant	104	-1	3.0	9.2	4.1
2.12	Prime People	4½	...	...	...	...
9.60	Proudfoot	61	-7	...	23.1	4.5
42.60	PCO	403	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
9.90	REA	110	...	2.0	2.1	...
64.00	Reed Executive	125	...	...	...	...
24.50	Reliance Sec	131 †	-5	4.5	4.3	34.3
2,554.50	Rentokil	262	+3	2.5	1.2	33.7
22.00	Rolfe & Nolan	363	...	...	2.0	24.9
835.40	Salvesen (C)	290	-1	...	3.4	19.2
6.97	Scott Pickford	56	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
29.00	Select Appt	135	...	...	...	...
154.60	Serco Gp	1333	...	13.3	1.2	36.9
5.49	Sherwd Cmptr	40	-9	...	9.7	2.6
67.70	Sketchley	116	-1	...	3.2	26.5
70.90	Warner Howrd	337	-2	6.6	2.5	17.6
12.80	Weirac	30	...	...	...	...
44.90	Wilk Gp	30	+1½	...	1.7	21.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
734.30	Allied Colloids	279 †	-1	...	1.9	25.7
611.20	Amersham	1063	+8	...	1.6	30.8
32.39	Amdo Ltd	7	...	...	...	...
6,734.30	BASF DM	£115½	-50	...	5.5	...
499.40	BTP	347	-1	...	3.4	27.9
9,421.30	Bayer DM50	£140	+11½	...	3.7	...
56.00	Blagden	185	+16	0.5	4.4	19.9
62.30	Brent Chem	122	-2	...	7.6	11.2
137.40	Br Bio-Tech	385	+2	...	...	...
4.86	Card Gp	12	+1½	...	...	33.1
50.70	Canning (W)	179	-1	7.2	5.1	20.5
45.50	Cantab Pharms	459	-2	...	...	...
2,102.00	Courtaulds	498	-7	...	3.6	12.5
493.50	Croda	375	-12	...	2.6	21.5
14.00	Doeflex	132	+5	4.6	4.4	10.1
270.50	Ellis & Everard	278 †	+7	...	3.3	23.3
31.90	Euro Colour	39	-1	0.8	2.8	18.9
103.10	Halstead (J)	346	-1	...	2.3	17.1
354.50	Hickson	195	-2	...	5.1	18.1
7,029.70	Hoechst	£118½	+256½	...	3.1	...
175.20	Holliday Chem	205	-10	...	2.3	18.9
5,998.30	ICI	774	-13	...	4.4	...
1,541.20	Laporte	820	-11	19.9	3.0	22.0
139.50	Leigh	219	+2	...	4.5	19.2
17.10	MTM	60	...	...	...	...
4,762.60	Norsk Hydro	2318½	+62½	...	1.2	33.3
152.60	Paterson Zoch	625	-48	...	2.5	21.1
136.80	-do- 'A'	595	-48	...	2.6	20.1
119.30	Plysu	249	-12	...	3.5	21.2
45.10	Porvair	293	+3	3.8	1.6	31.3
36.60	Sutcliffe Speak	65	...	...	...	...
120.50	Wardle Storeys	494	...	...	4.5	22.4
46.20	Wolstnhlme R	625	+5	17.0	3.4	21.3
219.40	Yorks Chem	460	...	...	2.0	25.7
305.20	Yule Catto	307	...	...	2.4	19.1
7,415.30	Zeneca	735	+25	...	4.4	48.4

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
43.60	Alexon	76	+2	...	4.9	...
240.20	Allder	233	+7	...	3.3	17.4
1,090.00	Argos Plc	366½	+½	...	2.4	31.3
13.80	Ashley Group	9½	...	...	2.5	...
23.90	Ashley (Laura)	100	+2	0.1	0.1	...
222.10	Asprey	341	-1	5.2	1.9	22.0
50.60	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
76.90	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	16.6
61.00	Bentalls	147	+2	1.9	1.6	...
160.90	Betterware	157	+17	...	1.7	18.8
13.00	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
494.60	Body Shop	240	+3	...	0.9	32.1
62.50	Brown & Jackson	9½	-½	...	1.0	5.0
357.70	Brown (N)	490	...	...	1.9	28.8
749.20	Burton	55½	-1½	...	4.7	79.5
35.70	Cantors	236	-1	...	2.1	32.7
45.10	Church	445	-18	13.5	3.5	39.6
27.40	Clinton Cards	161	+1	4.3	3.4	19.4
1,811.70	Coats Viyella	266	-4	...	3.5	37.0
18.40	Colourvision	91 †	...	5.6	7.7	16.3
31.90	Cosy Casuals	166	+1	...	3.1	15.4
214.40	Courts Furnish	875	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
2.88	Crown Eyes	180	+15	7.5	5.2	12.3
1,966.30	Dairy Farm Intl	118½	+1½	...	3.1	17.4
137.20	Dewhirst (I)	169	...	0.8	0.9	35.0
935.80	Dixons Grp	211	-10	...	3.7	...
5.74	ERA Gp	10	+1½	...	...	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	16.6
31.30	Essex Furn	274	+20	...	1.4	45.8
163.30	Etam	250	-6	7.0	3.5	22.9
411.50	Fine Art Dev	517	-10	13.0	3.2	16.8
2.79	Fired Earth Tiles	49	...	...	...	...
16.60	Forminster	710	+2	14.5	2.6	12.0
21.90	French Conne	149	-1	...	...	...
23.90	Gent SE	86	...	...	4.0	20.5
19.10	Goldsmiths Gp	87	-1	0.3	0.4	...
6,277.40	GUS	624 †	+54	...	2.3	19.3
7.74	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
17.50	Hartstone	74	-2	...	...	...
71.00	Helene Plc	29½	...	2.0	8.5	13.9
5.20	Heritage	92	-1	...	...	...
7.12	Honeysuckle	86	-5	...	3.3	12.6
16.50	Jacques Vert	195	...	...	2.3	14.8
4,149.80	Kingfisher	624	-19	...	2.3	21.5
29.50	Leslie Wise Gp	85	+2	4.0	0.0	...
90.10	Liberty	543	...	7.2	1.7	63.9
413.70	Lloyds Chem	350	-20	...	2.6	12.5
1,015.80	MFI	174½	-3½	...	2.7	70.3
12,039.20	Marks Spencer	434	+11	...	2.4	22.2
373.00	Menzies (John)	622	+4	...	2.1	17.4
47.90	Moss Bros	267	+2	5.5	2.4	33.7
932.40	Next	224	-3	3.5	2.0	26.7
11.40	Oliver (G)	45	...	...	...	...
162.10	Oriflame Intl	303	-12	...	4.1	14.5
56.10	Pentos	39	-5	0.3	2.6	8.1
105.30	QS Hldgs	268	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
34.80	Rhino Grp	41	+2	...	...	...
40.20	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
193.80	Sherwood Gp	173	-1	...	1.9	15.6
1,800.50	Sears	119	-1	...	3.7	47.9
107.70	Signet Group	39½	+½	...	...	...
1,352.10	Smith WH 'A'	494 †	+2	...	3.8	15.9
162.30	-do- B	116½	+½	...	3.2	18.6
2.02	Specialeyes	13	...	...	...	...
994.30	Storehouse	237	+9	...	2.6	23.4
115.00	T & S Stores	190	...	6.0	4.2	13.4
52.00	Tie Rack	159	-2	1.0	0.8	26.0
136.20	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	32.2
5.58	Usher (Frank)	124	+1	0.0	0.0	10.7
3,033.70	Vendome	434	+1	...	1.5	20.2
20.40	Vivat	37	+2	1.0	3.4	11.5
95.60	WEW Group	90	...	...	2.9	43.5
3.59	Wensum	48	...	1.5	4.4	...
452.00	Wickes	121	-2	1.0	1.0	∞
7.12	Wld of Leather	99	...	...	...	...
72.80	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.9	25.1
3.09	Xtra-vision	2	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
339.30	ACT Group	183	+2	...	3.4	15.4
38.30	Acal	265	+1	...	3.0	19.1
53.10	Admiral	492	+4	5.7	1.4	20.8
66.10	Alba	186	...	...	3.3	21.0
10.50	Alphameric	39	+1	...	...	...
212.20	Amstrad	30	-2½	...	1.7	...
20.10	App Holo	96	+1	...	...	...
36.90	Arlen	36	...	...	...	...
201.40	Ascec	84½	...	...	0.3	...
59.10	Azlan	206	-1	...	1.4	31.7
26.80	Bates Hunter	277 †	-1	...	4.3	17.1
2.71	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
1,614.90	BICC	458	+13	19.2	5.3	...
161.70	Blick	530	...	...	2.4	19.3
266.40	Borland	937½	...	...	...	...
672.00	Bowthorpe	362	-2	...	3.4	24.0
27,862.90	BT	449	-3	...	4.5	21.7
9,562.20	BT PP	297	-3	...	4.5	21.3
4.42	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	-½	0.1	0.7	...
25.00	Burnfield	73	+1	5.7	9.5	11.5
10,226.30	Cable Wireless	469 †	-16	...	2.0	24.5
74.10	Chloride	32½	...	...	...	...
47.20	CML Micro	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
16.70	Comptr People	135	...	...	...	...
430.90	Cray Elect	199½	+1	...	1.1	19.0
51.40	Critchley	443	-2	...	1.4	23.5
793.20	Delta	536	-21	...	3.3	22.4
25.20	Densmans El	579 †	...	...	1.4	18.6
130.00	Domino	506 †	-6½	7.9	2.0	∞
107.70	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.3
104.50	Druck	1633 †	+8	10.3	0.8	32.8
1,093.00	Electrocomps	520	-24	...	2.0	29.3
50.00	El Data Pte	575	-10	...	1.2	16.2
41.00	Electron House	163 †	-2½	...	2.6	23.4
33.10	Emess	31½	-2½	0.1	0.4	...
354.90	Eurotherm	749 †	-7	...	1.6	25.5
369.40	FKI	195	+½	...	2.1	28.6
791.90	Farnell Elect	591	-2	...	1.4	31.3
5.46	Feedback	64½	-4½	...	5.9	8.7
90.50	First Tech	325 †	-7	...	0.8	27.1
19.30	Forward Gp	235	+19	4.0	2.1	16.6
6.12	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
4,271.00	GEC	339 †	-6	10.4	3.6	16.9
133.50	Gradelz	194	-2	...	1.4	39.7
37.10	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
2.62	Hitlarea	42	...	0.5	1.5	...
72.20	Ind Control	151	-1½	...	3.0	18.2
67.20	Jones Stroud	369 †	-2½	...	3.0	14.8
47.60	Kalamazoo	125	...	...	2.7	39.0
3.34	Kembrey	14	...	...	0.1	1.4
142.50	Kenwood App	369 †	-1	...	2.5	21.8
34.30	Kewill Syse	254	-9	...	...	...
13.30	Kode	143	-3	0.0	5.2	17.0
4.51	Laser-Scan	29	...	...	...	...
25.50	LBMS	144	...	...	0.7	20.7
11.70	Lec Refrig	297	-2	9.0	3.8	...
263.20	Life Sciences	156	...	3.7	3.0	16.9
154.80	Logica	307	-4	...	1.6	35.4
4.22	LPA Inds	47 †	...	...	6.5	...
117.70	MR Data Mngmt	212	-2	...	3.1	19.9
162.50	Macro 4	715	-3	...	3.1	21.7
115.20	Memtec	232	-1	...	2.1	20.1
143.10	Micro Focus	1008	+18	...	...	9.3
64.20	Microgen	168 †	-1	7.2	5.4	∞
22.90	Microvitec	36	...	...	...	...
215.30	Misys	555 †	-3	...	1.7	20.3
720.00	Mitel	405	-31	...	...	...
18.10	MMT Compg	161	-7	...	3.1	21.9
4.65	Molynx	23	...	1.3	...	...
40.60	MTL Inste	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
21.30	Multitone Elect	141	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
37.40	Murray Ent	141 ‡	+3	...	1.8	∞
10,395.10	NYNEX	2518½	-40½	...	...	...
31.30	Neotronics	121 †	...	...	2.7	21.1
2.55	Newmark (L)	55	-2	...	...	...
25.50	Northain	344	+6	...	0.5	26.5
10.40	Northamber	61	+3	0.6	1.2	...
11.10	Oceonics	8	...	...	...	...
173.00	Oxford Inst	356 †	+1½	4.6	1.6	34.5
47.40	P & P	85	-4	2.0	3.1	∞
112.40	Peek	96	+1	3.4	4.4	25.1
14.40	Pegasus	230	...	...	3.5	99.0
13.50	Philips Fn 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
5,290.70	-do- Lmp nv	1656½	+18½	...	...	...
149.70	Phonelink	422	+17	...	...	...
31.40	Pifco	300	+3	...	1.6	27.7
22.10	-do- 'A' Voting	330	+3	...	1.6	26.8
3.25	Plasmec	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
29.60	Pressac	120	...	...	2.7	25.4
56.50	Psion	252	-6	2.5	1.2	66.9
629.10	Racal Elect	225	+15	4.2	2.4	13.4
8.86	Radamec	48	-2	...	3.9	10.3
9.55	Radius	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
7.63	Real Time	109	...	...	3.4	22.4
116.40	Sage Gp	565 †	-5	...	2.2	17.3
31.90	Sanderson Elec	350	+5	9.9	3.5	14.9
31.70	Scantronic	87	...	3.1	4.6	23.8
79.90	Scholes Grp	208	...	...	3.0	26.9
129.50	Sema Gp	361	+5	2.9	1.0	29.3
26.40	Servomex	265	+1	5.9	2.8	20.0
14.60	Silvermines	45	...	...	2.8	...
8.70	Soundtracks	87	...	2.4	3.5	∞
3,445.80	TDK	2659½	-40½	...	1.2	30.2
1.35	TDS Circuits	15	...	...	...	...
125.40	Telemetrix	130	-5	0.8	0.7	22.9
89.10	Telspec	281	...	...	1.1	35.3
4,798.20	THORN EMI	1129 †	-44	...	3.5	36.3
20.40	Thorpe FW	165	+2	...	2.0	19.2
3.53	Total Systems	35	-1	1.5	5.4	6.2
97.60	Tunstall	298	...	...	1.5	∞
213.50	Unitech	313	-3	...	2.5	52.9
27.90	Verity	14	-1	...	...	...
35.40	Vistec	29	...	0.3	1.6	17.1
6,283.70	Vodafone	624	...	...	1.5	27.1
125.30	Volex	473	-1	18.1	4.8	19.4
3.46	Western Selectn	23 †	...	0.2	1.4	...
44.20	Wholesale Figs	311	-1	11.7	4.8	32.7

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,436.40	East Midlands	656 †	-10	...	3.9	11.6
1,826.50	Eastern Elec	679 †	+1	...	3.7	12.9
1,662.70	Hydro-Elect	433 †	+18	...	3.4	15.2
1,446.00	London Elect	663	-21	...	4.0	12.5
920.70	Manweb	775 †	-5	...	3.5	9.7
1,403.60	Midlands Elec	669 †	-22	...	4.0	10.6
6,415.60	National Powr	502	+26½	...	2.8	12.4
583.50	Northern Elec	716 †	-7	...	3.9	9.2
683.90	Nthn Ireland	295½	+6½	...	3.0	13.9
1,253.80	Norweb	726 †	-4	20.8	3.6	10.4
4,539.40	PowerGen	570	+38	...	2.4	15.2
3,626.90	Scottish Power	445 †	+24	...	3.2	16.5
948.60	Seeboard	372	-11	...	3.5	11.6
758.50	Sth Wales	740 †	...	...	3.9	11.3
830.90	Sth Western	675 †	...	...	3.9	10.0
1,826.50	Southern Elec	674 †	-5	...	3.8	8.9
1,358.40	Yorkshire Elec	654 †	-16	...	4.1	12.3

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24.50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
29.70	BWD	155½	-3½	3.4	2.7	24.3
32.60	Baltic Plc	108	...	...	1.2	...
610.80	Caledonia	735	-13	...	2.6	27.3
50.60	Camellia	2025	...	...	1.9	7.6
78.00	Candover	350	-3	10.4	3.7	...
431.30	Gartmore	214	+1	...	2.3	26.5
322.00	Govett	461	+10	...	3.6	13.5
60.70	Ivory Sime	230	-7	...	3.8	19.9
56.70	Johnson Fry	378	-7	...	...	...
240.00	Lon Forfaitng	240	...	8.7	4.5	17.5
16.20	Manakin	79	-5	...	...	...
22.70	Nat Home Loan	21½	-½	...	...	0.5
19.90	Newmarket	56	+1	...	...	...
70.70	Rathbone Brs	357	-3	6.5	2.3	21.7
69.30	Rutland Tst	27	+½	...	3.7	16.0
41.40	S & U	387	-12	10.2	3.3	14.4
325.90	Singer & Fried	107	-3	...	3.5	...
383.40	Sotheby's	1130 †	-15	...	1.4	...
479.00	SIP Capital	175	-5	3.0	2.1	72.2
33.70	Towry Law	221	...	...	2.6	21.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,715.10	Amer Express	2016½	-56½	...	...	...
247.20	Henderson Ad	1155	-5	...	4.5	26.6
553.30	Invesco	224	-2	...	1.7	...
2,699.90	Jardine Strat	285½	-10½	...	2.8	11.9
963.50	MAI	256	-1	...	2.9	18.7
1,339.00	MAM	712	-11	16.0	2.8	17.8
584.00	M & G	1174	-44	...	2.7	24.6
256.70	Smith New Ct	465 †	-17½	...	1.9	4.6
35.00	Trio Hldgs	63 †	+1½	2.5	5.0	∞

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,478.50	AB Food	552 †	-5	...	3.4	11.4
1,630.70	ASDA Group	56½	-2½	1.6	3.7	...
120.80	Acatos & Hutch	306	...	...	2.8	13.3
412.40	Albert Fisher	68	+1	...	6.9	15.1
2,583.50	Argyll	256½	...	...	5.6	9.2
22.30	Banks (S C)	260 †	-5	9.0	4.3	9.9
64.30	Barr (AG)	340 †	-9	6.5	2.4	...
12.70	Bensons Crisps	69	+5	...	5.2	15.5
955.00	Booker	448	-2	...	6.1	38.9
28.30	Borthwick	49	+1	...	3.1	60.9
249.40	Brake Bros	489	+1	6.3	1.6	20.4
66.70	Budgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
4,349.20	Cadbury-Schw	524	+15	...	3.2	18.5
12.70	Carrs Milling	185	+3	...	2.9	13.5
19.90	Cranswick	148	+3	...	6.8	14.0
4.36	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	3.8	47.4
13.90	Dalepak	120 †	-½	...	5.2	35.0
1,110.70	Dalgety	485	+15	...	5.4	13.9
5.07	Daniels S	61	+4	...	0.5	...
378.00	Devro	290	-2	...	2.5	26.6
23.60	Everest	94	-3	...	4.9	17.1
86.90	Farepak	384 †	...	5.9	1.9	23.6
2.10	Farringford	8	+½	...	...	...
76.80	Finlay (James)	77	-1	...	6.7	25.6
281.50	Fyffes	100 †	-2	...	1.8	∞
203.20	Geest	283	-8	8.1	3.6	12.7
21.70	Global	18	-½	0.5	3.5	28.0
22.90	Grand Central	58	...	0.8	1.7	...
368.60	Hazlewood Fds	159	+1½	...	5.1	9.0
1,241.60	Hillsdown	190	+7	8.8	6.1	14.1
455.90	Iceland Group	166	+4	...	2.6	10.5
44.80	JLI Group	108	+1	...	5.4	12.0
933.20	Kwik Save	604	+25	...	3.8	10.9
91.90	Low (Wm)	172	...	...	6.1	0.0
121.60	Matthews (B)	98	+3	2.3	3.0	64.2
13.60	Merchant Retail	16 †	-1	0.9	7.4	32.8
763.70	Morrison (W)	107	...	...	1.0	13.9
97.20	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
1,300.90	Nthn Foods	227 †	-6	...	4.7	11.1
5.73	Nrthmbrn Fn	12	-1	...	...	...
277.90	Nurdin Peack	219	+4	...	3.6	12.1
184.90	Park Foods	310 †	+4	...	2.6	23.9
94.60	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	8.8
71.00	PizzaExpress	134	+8	...	0.5	28.3
5.60	Regina Hlth	4	...	...	...	...
6,547.70	Sainsbury J	366	+5	...	3.5	12.8
3.65	Sentry Farms	85	+4	1.5	2.2	15.2
36.70	Sims Food	121	...	...	6.7	23.3
1,573.40	Tate & Lyle	439	-6	...	3.7	11.7
4,497.60	Tesco	229	+5	...	4.0	10.4
124.90	Thorntons	196	+1	...	2.3	...
19.20	Treatt	204	-8	...	2.5	16.4
898.60	Unigate	384	-6	...	5.3	12.6
1,332.20	Utd Biscuits	349	...	...	5.5	21.6
17.40	Usborne	19	-½	...	3.5	14.0
163.70	Watson & Phil	422	-23	...	4.2	17.7
19.90	West Trust	47 †	-2	...	7.2	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Stk H	26	...	...	...	...
173.60	City Centre Rest	91	+3	1.5	2.2	22.0
2,217.90	Forte	257	...	...	3.6	20.2
39.80	Friendly Hotels	203	...	...	3.5	39.5
16.20	Harmony Props	10½	-½	...	...	...
53.10	Jurys Hotel	156½	-2½	...	4.1	12.7
2,339.10	Ladbroke	205	...	11.1	6.8	17.5
698.00	Mandarin Orntl	102½	-1½	...	3.3	25.5
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
19.00	Ryan Hotels E	29	-½	...	4.3	...
307.40	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1075	...	7.0	0.8	...
343.30	Stakis	90	+½	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10.10	AAF Inds	44	...	...	25.0	2.7
459.00	AAH	514 †	-4	...	4.3	17.1
25.40	AIM	182 †	+7	...	5.2	22.3
388.90	APV	132	+1½	...	5.1	...
125.60	ASW	192	+1	...	3.9	...
161.00	Adwest	198	-2	...	4.5	19.1
7.60	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.2	...
74.30	Airsprung	311	+3	...	1.9	19.9
70.40	Alendra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
5.42	Allied Radio	11½	+1½	...	...	...
100.10	Alumasc	323	+7	...	2.4	18.9
38.90	Alvis	70 †	+15	...	1.8	12.6
39.20	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
16.70	Amberley Gp	62	+1	1.0	2.0	...
56.30	Anagen	78	...	...	...	...
12.10	Andrews Sykes	65	...	...	4.4	...
531.20	Antofagasta	1690	+140	...	1.2	31.2
17.10	Armour	59½	+1½	...	3.5	13.8
45.70	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
13.10	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
159.80	Avon Rubber	603 †	-23	...	3.4	21.2
36.90	Assoc Nursg	300 †	...	...	0.4	18.4
33.90	Atlas Equip	518	-10	...	5.3	13.0
7.80	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
998.90	BBA	222	+8	...	4.2	18.9
8.10	BLP Group	122	...	...	...	...
46.00	BM Gp	415	-1	...	1.9	...
3,322.50	BOC	698	+26	...	4.2	27.5
220.80	BSG	85	+1	...	4.7	28.6
143.30	BSS Group	549	+1	...	3.9	30.6
12,963.00	BTR	372½	-5½	...	3.7	20.6
93.50	BWI	175	+3	...	4.8	16.2
205.90	Babcock	38½	+2½	...	3.6	22.8
4.67	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
287.30	Baird (Wm)	254	-8	8.9	4.4	17.6
822.20	Barlow	418½	-18½	...	7.8	7.6
108.30	Baynes (Charles)	78	-1	...	2.4	31.9
7.50	Bearing Power	22	+½	...	4.3	14.0
2.65	Beauford	3½	...	...	...	...
1.66	Bedford (W)	35	+1	...	...	...
20.90	Benson Group	16	-1	...	2.4	12.0
96.90	Bespak	383 †	-2	10.2	3.3	12.0
125.00	Bibby (J)	80	...	...	3.1	...
3.45	Billam (J)	213	+2	5.3	3.1	10.7
2.44	Bilston Burses	29	...	...	...	...
11.20	Bimec Ind	9	+½	...	...	...
61.00	Birkby	290	-15	3.7	1.7	14.6
9.16	Black Arrow	37	+1	2.1	7.1	11.6
154.60	Black (Peter)	281	...	3.8	1.7	21.9
58.10	Bluebird Toys	733	-12	4.5	0.3	22.3
187.50	Bodycote	334	+6	...	2.0	20.7
1.84	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	2.3	14.2
5,605.60	Boots	579	-3	...	3.2	21.3
1.84	Booth Inds	46	-5	...	...	...
2,375.20	Bowater	476	-4	...	3.1	19.0
590.00	Bowater Inc	1628½	-12½	...	...	...
64.60	Boxmore Intl	291 †	-½	4.0	1.7	∞
14.00	Brasway	18 †	+½	...	3.5	...
148.30	Brammer	331	+1	13.0	4.9	24.6
6.61	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
89.60	Bridon	158	+1	...	3.2	...
8.02	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	...	3.9	...
1,397.60	Brierley Inv	54½	-3½	...	6.2	13.4
26.30	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
4.15	Br Bloodstock	107	...	...	...	...
153.20	Br Polythene	514	-4	...	2.5	18.4
2,890.00	Br Steel	144½	+2	...	1.3	...
26.20	Br Thornton	163 †	...	...	3.8	16.9
627.00	Br Vita	291	-10	7.3	3.1	17.9
92.50	Britton Grp	18	+1½	...	1.2	...
14,525.80	Broken Hill	876½	-31½	...	2.1	39.7
82.90	Bromsgrve Ind	116 †	-3	...	4.7	15.1
0.25	Brooke Tool	16½	+3½	...	...	...
19.20	Brown & Tawse	56	+1	...	...	...
207.40	Bullough	173 †	+3½	6.0	4.4	∞
12.60	Business Techn	16	+½	...	...	...
19.00	CI Group	22	...	0.5	3.3	21.1
6.64	Campbll & Arm	46	+2	...	...	...
32.90	Cannon St	32	-½	...	...	...
147.50	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	15.5
2,490.60	Caradon	330	+5	...	2.6	33.9
360.90	-do- pf	200½	+½	7.2	4.5	...
168.50	Carclo Eng	279 †	-1	...	3.9	20.7
1,853.00	Carnaud Mtl	2296½	-50	...	2.7	∞
5.03	Cassidy Bros	92 †	...	...	3.3	22.3
53.00	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.3	17.7
171.30	Cathay Intl	61	-2	...	...	...
160.20	Celltech	227	+1	...	...	...
13.70	Chamberlin Hill	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.9
532.20	Charter	778	+1	...	3.5	11.9
68.20	Chemring	350	...	...	3.2	19.1
5.14	Chieftain Gp	60	+10	4.5	9.4	12.9
12.80	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
388.70	Christies Int	242	+1	...	0.8	60.1
11.10	Clayhithe	67 †	...	...	4.7	...
2.42	Clayton Son	113	+8	...	...	...
3.53	Cohen (A)	453	...	14	0.9	...
93.80	Community H	257	+5	...	3.0	19.6
141.40	Concentric	360	-1	...	2.8	21.6
67.70	Cook (Wm)	309	+5	6.0	2.4	19.7
1,402.30	Cookson	266	+9	...	2.8	35.2
9.62	Copymore	91	...	...	1.4	27.8
66.70	Crmwll Pkr 'A'	165	...	...	4.3	22.3
15.90	Cosalt	140	-6	...	4.8	...
13.20	Creighton Nt	285	+12	7.4	3.2	20.4
67.50	CrestaCare	40	+2	0.6	2.0	34.6
1,808.10	Dana	3937½	-100	...	...	...
699.20	Danka Bs Sys	367	-17	...	0.5	34.9
169.60	David Brown	295	+3	...	2.5	20.9
1,875.00	De La Rue	974	-24	...	2.5	23.5
4.90	Dinkie Heel	40	...	1.1	3.4	31.8
337.10	Diploma	603	-21	...	2.5	24.2
118.80	Dobson Park	95 †	...	...	4.9	21.6
2.10	Dyson (J&J)	127 †	-3½	5.0	4.9	23.4
11.10	-do- 'A'	92 †	-3½	5.0	6.8	16.9
7.49	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
193.20	EIS	438	+4	...	3.4	17.3
2.79	Eldief	22	...	...	...	...
14.80	Elco	50	...	...	...	...
2,415.40	Electrolux 'B'	3390½	+96½	...	1.5	∞
29.90	Elliott (B)	88	...	...	...	...
1,527.60	Eng China Cl	504	-9	...	3.0	29.3
19.60	Enviromed	136	-2	...	...	...
5,877.20	Ericsson 'B'	3131½	+261½	...	0.9	...
37.30	Eurocopy	77 †	+½	...	2.8	22.7
44.20	Expamet	70	...	...	4.3	1.7
285.00	Fairey Group	764	-6	10.7	1.8	23.5
96.60	Fenner	140	-1	...	...	...
10.10	Ferraris Group	100	+12	...	2.5	14.8
3.12	Ferrum	10	...	1.4	17.5	7.0
6.63	Fife Indmar	63	-2	...	5.5	...
898.80	Fisons	130	+3	...	8.4	12.1
62.00	Fitzwilton	53 †	-2	...	8.3	...
70.90	Flogas	288	...	...	3.4	13.3
14.10	Folkes Group nv	46	...	1.5	4.1	26.1
14.60	French (Thomas)	125 †	...	3.6	3.6	∞
177.40	Frost Group	252	-4	...	2.2	32.6
32.00	GEI Intl	87	+6	...	3.5	...
1,449.90	GKN	549 †	+5½	...	4.7	36.6
8.43	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
4.76	Garton Eng	125	+2	4.1	4.1	...
339.40	Gestetner	181	-3	3.0	2.1	∞
14.10	Gieves	62	...	...	...	44.9
20,662.00	Glaxo	679	-40	...	4.5	15.9
10.40	Glenchewton	41	...	...	...	...
763.50	Glynwed	360	-7	11.6	3.0	34.8
97.90	Goode Durrant	185 †	+5	...	3.7	...
123.00	Grampian Hld	178	...	5.5	3.9	30.9
2,798.20	Granada	596 †	-10	...	1.8	23.5
57.20	Great Sthrn	485	+2	11.4	2.9	19.9
6.24	Green (Ernst)	81	-1	...	10.8	12.3
23.90	Greenacre	13½	-½	...	2.8	13.4
1.14	Guardian Grp	6 #	...	...	...	...
69.40	Haden MacLn	79	-½	...	3.2	28.5
6.52	Hadleigh Inds	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
96.40	Hall Eng	317	-2	8.6	3.4	26.5
486.60	Halma	245	+2½	...	1.1	30.7
41.00	Hampson Ind	67 †	...	1.7	3.2	22.1
14,490.60	Hanson	287	-2½	...	5.0	26.4
16.50	Harris (Philip)	153	-1	...	5.6	9.3
1,474.90	Harrisn Crsfld	212	+8	9.0	5.3	30.6
39.60	Havelock Euro	152	-2	...	...	...
6.90	Hay (Norman)	46	-1	...	...	...
6.92	Headway	43	-5	...	2.0	...
1.47	Healthcare	1½ #	...	...	...	0.5
1,187.70	Hepworth	491	+2	14.8	3.8	21.2
6.28	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
3.64	High-Point	73	+18	0.5	0.9	...
55.10	Hill & Smith	185 †	+3	6.2	4.2	∞
25.40	Hobson	27 #	...	...	...	...
3.96	Holders Tech	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.9
43.70	Hopkinsons	56	...	0.9	2.0	42.4
17.80	Hornby	216	+1	9.0	5.2	20.4
295.80	Howden	102	+2½	...	2.8	16.1
64.70	Horelock	272	+4	...	2.8	19.3
247.20	Hunting	257	-1	...	4.9	21.7
139.50	Huntleigh Tech	493	...	...	1.0	32.7
1,134.80	IMI	346	-3	...	3.6	30.7
51.60	ISA Intl	133	-1	1.5	1.5	20.7
39.60	Intercare Gp	140 †	-6	...	3.1	13.4
37.20	Isotron	300	...	4.3	1.8	17.4
4,574.50	Jardine Math	641½	-25	...	2.0	23.3
1,126.40	Johnson Mathy	591	+4	...	2.2	23.1
64.60	Johnson & FB	46	-1	...	3.7	43.8
17.20	Johnston	163	...	3.2	...	...
7.45	Jones Shipman	29	-1	...	...	...
6.29	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
244.30	Kalon	184½	-2½	...	2.4	25.6
8.02	Kelsey Ind	261 †	+6	8.0	3.8	∞
274.60	Kershaw (A)	790	...	...	4.4	39.7
35.90	Kleeneze	259 †	+5	...	0.5	...
495.50	Laird	421	...	...	3.1	20.7
45.50	Lilleshall	169	-1	...	3.2	22.2
15.90	Lincat	225	+12	...	3.3	15.9
11.10	Lincoln Hse	44	+1½	...	...	36.2
14.80	Linread	121	-5	3.8	3.9	18.7
59.60	Linton Park	348	-2	9.0	5.0	12.6
24.00	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
5.40	Locker (T) A	18	-1	0.8	5.9	26.2
255.50	Lon Intl	151	-1	6.2	5.2	...
1,213.90	Lonrho	158 †	...	...	3.2	43.4
390.40	Low & Bonar	400	...	...	2.9	56.0
67.80	ML Hldgs	45	...	...	...	...
16.70	MS Intl	61	-1	...	5.1	37.4
24.80	MY Holdings	60 †	-4	...	2.6	15.8
192.80	Macfarlane	255	-1	...	1.7	28.9
481.40	McKechnie	529	-6	...	3.5	25.5
71.40	McLeod Russel	118	-1	...	6.5	17.4
5.79	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
24.20	Mang Bronze	147	+1	...	2.1	34.3
40.80	Marling	23 †	-1½	...	4.6	...
43.80	Mayborn	221	...	5.2	2.9	17.0
116.90	Mayflower	59	-3	...	1.0	49.3
445.70	Medeva	162	-½	...	1.9	13.1
248.30	Meggitt	115	-3	...	4.2	19.6
104.90	Metalrax	127	...	...	3.7	20.8
30.90	Metroten	128	...	...	3.2	37.8
17.90	Merseca	116	+1	...	...	...
58.00	Midsummer	115	-2	...	0.8	16.0
171.40	Molins	533	...	...	3.3	13.3
866.20	Morgan Crble	399	+4	...	3.9	20.9
34.40	Morris Ashby	209 †	+7	3.7	3.4	15.8
11.80	Neepsend	48	...	1.0	2.6	64.4
36.10	Nestor-BNA	75	...	3.1	5.2	17.9
30.50	Nobo Gp	249 †	+5	5.3	2.7	24.6
226.70	Norcros	187	-8	...	4.7	27.3
20.20	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
147.20	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
3.61	Office Elec Mac	59	+13	...	...	...
26.00	OMI Intl	58½	-½	...	3.7	...
15.00	PCT	170	+2	7.2	5.3	19.3
3.76	Pacer Systems	80	...	...	5.4	...
5.51	Pascoe's	36	...	...	...	...
401.50	Pentland	112	+1	...	2.9	15.2
177.00	Photo-Me	298 †	+5	4.7	2.0	17.9
1,570.70	Pilkington	199 †	+4	...	1.6	...
108.00	Plantsbrook	108	+2	3.1	3.6	17.0
275.50	Polypipe	176	+2	2.1	1.5	23.8
22.60	Porter Chadbrn	24	+2	...	2.1	11.0
267.20	Powerscreen	310	-10	...	2.7	16.1
40.60	Prospect Inds	23	+1	...	4.4	13.0
9.23	RPS Group	77	-7	2.3	3.7	17.0
1.22	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
30.90	Ramco Oil	170	-23	1.0	0.7	56.9
3,519.40	Rank Org	1073	-26	...	3.6	23.3
13.10	Ransomes	23	...	...	...	...
2,606.20	Reckitt Colm	695	+17	...	3.0	16.0
27.60	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.8
5.79	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
60.70	Relyon	289	+5	5.0	2.2	34.7
149.30	Renishaw	306	...	...	2.7	36.4
91.50	Renold	139	+2	...	1.5	...
8,602.90	Reuters	2008	+36	...	1.6	28.5
12.60	Rexmore	83	-2	2.0	3.1	...
99.70	Ricardo Group	199	...	...	3.8	26.8
5.86	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
30.80	Richardson West	107	-1	3.0	3.6	27.4
10.10	Romner	154	+8	8.2	6.7	21.8
23.60	-do- 'A'	150	+8	8.2	6.9	21.3
24.10	Ross Gp	18½	-2	0.6	4.4	7.6
167.90	Rotork	191	+4	...	2.4	22.3
32.00	Rubicon	163 †	-½	...	3.3	20.6
16.50	Russell (A)	71	-1	...	0.9	...
29.80	SEP Indl	37 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
835.60	SKF 'B'	1309½	-137½	...	...	...
601.40	Scapa	254½	-6½	...	2.8	19.0
136.40	Scholl	205	-4	...	3.9	14.8
154.60	Scotia	248	-15	...	...	...
52.50	Securicor	1266 †	-6½	...	0.3	35.4
810.80	-do- 'A'	1001 †	-16½	...	0.4	38.4
933.90	Security Serv	852 †	-13½	5.6	0.8	∞
357.30	Senior Eng	148½	...	...	2.7	24.9
97.40	Sesan Health	328	-3	...	2.3	19.6
8.99	Shiloh	155	+7	3.0	2.4	16.7
190.00	Sidlaw	329	-2	...	4.0	16.3
2,516.60	Siebe	586 †	+16	...	2.2	20.7
179.40	Silentnight	378	...	...	2.6	20.5
2,319.70	Sime Darby	148	-13	...	3.3	16.0
121.70	Simon Eng	121	-1	...	...	...
51.20	Sinclair (Wm)	235	...	...	3.7	18.3
21.00	Six Hundred	39	-5	...	4.8	...
1,558.40	Smith & Neph	148	...	...	4.0	16.4
5,575.10	Smithkline	406½	-2½	9.6	3.0	14.7
4,860.10	Smthkline Uts	371	-9	...	3.3	12.6
1,430.80	Smiths Ind	470	+2	...	3.1	19.2
43.79	Sthn Bus	47 †	+1	...	4.8	5.0
62.70	Spandex	580	+5	...	1.4	25.9
31.20	Spear (JW)	600	...	4.5	0.9	11.2
310.70	Spirax-Sarco	402	+3	...	2.9	25.2
348.50	Spring Ram	77 †	+4	...	0.8	...
283.50	Staveley	248	-4	...	4.3	14.0
67.80	Sterling Ind	242	...	...	3.0	37.1
235.20	Suter	214	-3	9.0	5.3	22.4
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	496½	-50½	...	1.8	∞
13.40	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
5.08	Sykes-Pick	50	-3	3.0	7.7	9.6
29.80	Syltone	178	...	...	3.4	25.7
1,957.20	TI	420	+13	...	3.2	28.7
14.50	TLS Range	39	-1	0.2	0.8	...
372.40	TT Group	364	-1	...	2.3	22.4
357.10	Takare	285	+13	...	0.8	24.8
7,059.40	Takeda Chem	807½	-3½	...	0.5	15.3
3.05	Tex Hldgs	48	+2	...	...	...
6.99	Tinsley (E)	97	-3	...	7.2	16.7
24.00	Titon	220 †	...	...	2.4	18.3
2,940.30	Tomkins	263 †	...	...	3.1	19.4
1,214.00	Trafalgar H	114 †	-2	...	3.6	...
94.50	Transfer Tech	99	-5	3.2	4.0	12.5
100.60	Triplex Lloyd	196 †	+1	...	5.6	18.8
433.00	UniChem	303	-2	6.4	2.6	19.8
84.80	Unidare	438 †	+3	...	2.9	∞
12.10	Unigroup	39	+2	...	...	...
9,792.70	Unilever	1206	-11	22.2	2.3	16.4
12,725.40	Unilever (NV)	7921½	-40½	...	2.6	13.1
6.75	Utd Inds	16½	+1	...	...	44.9
414.20	VSEL	1093	+28	...	3.5	11.8
38.00	Verson	28½	...	...	...	...
621.50	Vickers	190	+10	...	1.5	...
140.60	Victaulic	318	...	...	5.1	15.7
209.10	Vinten	510	-3	...	1.8	23.7
246.90	Vosper Thorny	799	+56	...	2.6	18.5
4.78	WSP Hldgs	45	-1	...	7.5	11.7
225.40	Wagon Ind	510 †	+2	...	4.3	22.5
37.60	Waterbourne	4½	+½	...	...	24.6
107.90	Walker Greenbk	112	-1	3.1	3.5	28.6
433.40	Wassall	284	+4	2.7	1.2	28.7
333.10	Wtrford Wdgwd	47	...	...	...	...
547.40	Weir	360	-1	...	2.2	19.7
5,687.50	Wellcome	656	+12	...	3.3	13.9
9.02	Wellman	28	+1½	0.9	4.0	45.7
198.90	West Hlilscare	390	...	...	1.2	24.9
125.50	Whatman	548	+1	9.7	2.2	18.6
77.60	Whessoe	264	+2	...	3.9	12.5
47.70	Whitecroft	109	...	...	...	...
18.10	Widney	13½	+½	...	...	...
31.00	Wilkes (James)	176	+11	3.5	...	51.5
1,964.00	Williams Hldg	400	+7	12.5	3.9	20.9
35.50	Wilshaw	44	+1	...	1.6	27.7
2,373.60	Wolseley	899	+6	...	1.9	26.5
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
14.50	Wyko	45	+1	...	1.4	...
14.40	Young (H)	87	...	...	4.7	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
544.40	Alex & Alex	1425	...	...	4.7	...
1,954.10	Am Gen	1825	+31½	...	4.2	...
24.90	Archer	68 †	-1	...	1.8	...
89.50	Bradstock	152	-1	...	4.6	16.7
965.30	Britannic	511	+16	...	2.8	...
98.30	CLM Insce	114 †	-2	...	...	...
3,536.20	Com Union	636	-10	...	4.7	...
120.40	Dom & Gen	1770	...	...	1.6	23.4
153.50	FAI	62	+2	...	0.8	...
67.70	Fenchurch Grp	192	-1	...	4.7	17.1
3,071.30	Gen Accident	681	+22	20.7	4.9	...
2,013.80	GRE	232	+5	7.1	3.9	19.3
272.20	Heath C E	420	-18	...	4.8	...
93.30	Hogg Gp	144	+9	8.1	7.1	13.1
128.30	Independent Ins	293	-6	...	3.5	26.9
233.10	JIB Group	184	-3	...	5.1	18.9
2,438.20	Legal & Gen	498	-1	...	4.9	30.3
2,828.00	Liberty Life	1212½	+9½	...	2.6	19.3
306.60	UMIT	109½	-1½	...	...	...
2,806.00	Lloyds Abbey	417 †	-10½	...	5.4	13.4
199.40	Lloyd Thomp	295	+6	6.7	2.8	18.3
509.40	Londn & Man	422	+16	14.7	4.4	31.1
130.00	Lowndes Lmb	458	-4	14.0	3.8	16.5
4,102.60	Marsh McLn	5593½	-12½	...	3.2	...
81.40	Nelson Hurst	180	+1	...	3.9	18.0
23.70	Oriel	115	...	...	5.4	...
24.50	PWS	80 †	+3	...	6.2	14.8
6,413.90	Prudential	339	+2	...	4.5	22.5
619.70	Refuge	396	+13	...	3.4	44.2
2,037.90	Royal	314	-1	...	2.6	...
926.80	Sedgwick	180	-7	...	4.2	22.2
53.80	Steel Burrill	115	-1	...	13.0	6.8
43.00	Sturge Hldgs	85 †	...	...	4.4	72.2
3,054.20	Sun Alliance	378	-5	14.2	4.7	...
166.30	Trade Indemnity	91	...	...	...	...
1,376.70	Transatlantic	457	-6	12.0	3.3	42.4
531.90	Utd Friendly	673	+13	15.1	2.8	29.3
881.30	Willis Corroon	211	-13	...	3.9	30.2
7.43	Windsor	22	...	...	...	17.3

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
991.90	Alliance	1968	-10	45.5	2.9	...
79.00	BZW Conv	156½	+4½	7.8	6.2	...
316.80	Bankers	204½	+2½	...	2.2	...
191.30	Baring Tribne	373	...	6.6	2.2	∞
12.50	Berry Starq	241	+1	2.2	1.1	...
430.10	Br Assets	112	+1	...	4.8	...
126.30	Br Empire Sec	95	+2	...	1.2	...
5.19	-do- Wnts	39	+2	...	...	...
717.60	Br Inv	230	+1	4.6	2.5	∞
170.90	Brunner	267 †	+1½	5.2	2.5	∞
46.20	Contl Asset	213	+6	3.0	1.8	∞
17.70	Derby Inc	150 †	...	...	13.1	∞
46.50	-do- Cap	303	+10	...	...	...
12.40	Drayton Blue	98	+1	8.4	10.7	...
53.40	-do- Eng Intl	109	+1	1.0	1.1	...
173.40	-do- Far East	150 †	+4½	0.6	0.6	∞
40.20	-do- Korea	174½	+9	0.5	0.4	...
242.20	Dunedin Inc G	764	-1	...	4.2	...
38.60	-do- Japan	96½	-1½	...	...	...
5.16	-do- Warrants	64½	-3½	...	...	...
269.70	-do- Wrwde	805	+7	...	1.5	...
55.80	Dundee & Lon	332	+3	...	3.4	...
981.30	Edinburgh	334	+1	8.5	3.2	...
571.20	Electra Inv	330 †	...	...	2.7	...
188.90	Electric Gen	209	+1	3.1	1.9	...
1.60	English Scot	123	-1	...	...	...
84.50	European Asset	339	+3	...	1.6	∞
39.80	Finsbury 'A'	166	-3	3.0	2.3	...
716.50	Fleming Amer	327	+2½	1.5	0.6	∞
64.20	Fleming Chinese	107	-2	...	...	...
7.68	-do- Warrants	64	-1	...	...	...
130.10	-do- Claver	244 †	-3½	5.5	2.8	∞
349.40	Do Contl	382	-5	2.7	0.9	...
101.60	-do- Emg	254 †	-½	...	2.4	...
573.00	-do- F East	379	-10	1.1	0.4	...
51.20	-do- Fledg	406	+6	3.0	0.9	∞
34.80	-do- Hi Inc	108	+2	...	5.1	...
300.90	-do- Japan	261	-2	...	0.2	...
473.20	-do- Merc	327½	-1½	6.7	2.6	...
443.60	-do- Overs	334 †	-½	4.2	1.6	...
1,518.70	Foreign & Col	289	-1	...	1.5	...
132.10	-do- Emg Mkts	132	-2	0.2	0.3	...
69.10	-do- Enterprise	73½	...	0.4	0.7	...
155.30	-do- Eurotst	298	+2	...	0.6	...
49.90	-do- German	127	+4	0.5	0.5	...
365.30	-do- Pacific	343	-8	...	0.8	...
194.20	-do- Smaller	188	+1½	1.8	1.2	...
171.60	GT Japan	275 †	+1	...	0.6	...
34.40	Genl Cons Cap	190	+9	...	...	...
39.50	-do- Inc	109 †	+½	6.7	10.0	∞
42.40	Govett Am Smlr	174	+2	...	...	...
33.60	-do- Emg Mkts	140	-2	...	...	...
49.00	Govett High Inc	98	-1	...	...	...
699.00	-do- Oriental	389	-1	0.9	0.3	...
323.10	-do- Strategy	329	...	...	2.6	...
54.20	Greenfriar	471 †	+½	6.6	1.8	∞
0.81	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
366.10	Inv Cap	148 †	-5	...	4.3	...
33.10	IAS US Smllr	114	+3	2.8	3.1	...
183.10	Kleinwort Chrt	226	-4½	5.1	2.9	∞
334.90	-do- O'seas	255	...	3.4	1.7	∞
21.80	-do- Smlr	165	...	...	2.7	...
174.60	Law Debenture	769	-11	18.5	3.0	...
117.80	Majedie	224	...	...	2.8	...
305.90	Merchants	209 †	-5	...	4.6	...
9,189.20	Merrill Lynch	2856½	+68½	...	...	...
474.60	Monks Inv Tst	560	+4	...	1.5	...
59.20	Morg Gren Inc	149	+7	...	3.8	...
2.71	Do Warrants	56	...	...	...	...
37.40	Murray Eur	141 ‡	+3	...	1.8	∞
49.60	-do- Pf 1994	£275	-500	...	...	...
2.41	-do- Warrants	50	-1	...	...	...
20.10	Murray Euro	67	+3	0.1	0.3	...
1.32	Do Wts	22	+½	...	...	...
313.60	Murray Income	372	+3	10.9	3.7	...
450.70	-do- Intl	375 †	+8	11.6	3.9	...
290.00	-do- Small	533	-3	...	1.0	...
7.04	-do- S/C Inc	88 †	+½	...	15.1	...
8.50	-do- S/C Cap	159	+5	...	...	...
1.76	-do- S/C Uts	3400 †	+25	...	3.9	...
10.10	-do- S/C DF	157½	...	...	...	...
84.20	-do- Vent	341	+3	...	4.0	...
36.00	Nwthrog Inc	92 †	...	6.7	9.2	...
144.00	O'seas Inv Ts	378	...	...	1.0	...
99.60	Pacific Assets	503	-15	1.1	0.3	...
13.80	Do Warrants	408	-17	...	...	...
14.20	Personal Assets	9350	+50	19.0	2.5	...
328.30	R/T Cap Ptnr	182	+1	1.1	0.8	...
24.10	River & Merc	120	...	9.2	9.8	∞
	Rubeco	446	...	...	2.8	...
	Rolinco	463	...	...	1.7	...
118.00	St Andrew Inv	343	+2	7.8	2.9	∞
387.90	Scot American	173½	+1½	4.6	3.3	∞
62.40	Scot Asian	297	-15	...	...	...
6.43	do Warrants	918	-25	...	...	...
562.30	-do- Eastern	89½	-1½	1.5	...	...
617.20	Scottish	242½	+½	4.9	2.5	∞
869.30	-do- Mtge	241	-1	4.0	2.1	...
66.40	-do- Value	132	+3	...	1.7	...
327.60	Second Alline	1706	-6	...	2.9	...
320.30	Secs Tst of Scot	100	+2	3.2	4.1	...
50.90	Selective Asset	176	-3½	5.4	1.0	∞
52.80	Sphere Inv	48½	+1½	3.4	8.8	∞
84.60	TR Far East	180 †	+1½	...	3.5	...
319.80	TR City Of Lon	180½	...	...	3.8	...
141.40	TR Pacific	211	+8	0.3	0.2	∞
113.80	TR Property	40	+1½	0.9	2.8	...
54.20	TR Tech Inv	149	+2	1.7	1.5	...
393.80	TR Smlr Cos	221 †	...	...	2.1	...
216.30	Temple Bar	378	-2	13.2	4.4	∞
128.00	Thrmtn Asian E	125	+7½	0.5	0.5	...
282.50	Throgmorton	93	-4½	2.3	3.1	∞
18.70	Throg Dual Cp	533	-2	...	...	...
94.80	USDC Invest	259	+1½	4.5	2.2	...
54.60	Value Inc Tst	127½	+½	4.0	3.9	...
923.20	Witan	246 †	...	5.8	2.9	∞

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
522.40	Airtours	566 †	-7	...	2.0	19.4
29.40	Ald Leis	46	...	...	8.2	15.0
296.10	Anglia TV	655	+11	...	1.8	30.3
21.50	Baldwin	113	-17	3.5	3.9	∞
28.70	Barr & W 'A'	288	+1	10.0	4.3	18.6
51.70	Boosey Hwks	1325	+25	22.0	2.1	19.9
20.10	Border TV	197 †	-28	3.6	2.3	16.1
17.60	Brent Walker	5	-½	...	...	...
8.19	Bristol Scots	135	...	...	...	...
7.84	Buckingham Int	6½	+½	...	...	...
6.45	Campari	62	-6	8.7	17.6	...
297.80	Capital Radio	420	+5	...	1.7	37.0
2,149.70	Carlton Comm	947	-37	...	2.5	22.3
19.90	Castle Comm	294	-5	...	3.6	19.5
803.00	Central TV	2985	-70	39.0	1.6	32.5
37.40	Chrysalis	143 †	-2	3.2	2.8	...
670.30	Compass Gp	744 †	+10½	...	2.1	20.8
69.40	Eurocamp	264 †	+½	9.7	4.6	10.9
688.80	Euro Disney	406½	-7½	...	2.9	...
25.80	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
30.40	Ex-Lands	40	...	...	1.1	...
14.10	Fairline Boats	403 †	-41	...	3.3	37.9
532.70	First Leisure	327	-6	...	2.5	21.9
156.80	Flextech	457 #	-44	0.5	0.1	...
64.80	GWR Gp	1023 †	-83	9.0	1.1	∞
42.30	Grampian	300	+26	6.5	2.7	30.8
1.26	Greenwich Comm	18	...	...	...	...
109.90	HTV Group	159	+37	1.0	0.8	∞
42.30	Hi-Tec Sports	87	...	...	3.2	...
42.10	Kunick	17½	+½	...	...	16.5
770.60	LWT Hldgs	745	-2	...	0.8	34.5
81.00	Man Utd	664	-49	...	3.7	26.5
13.30	Northern	41	-1	...	...	7.9
210.40	Owners Abrd	129	+6	3.5	3.4	∞
39.00	The Pelican Gp	86	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
15.20	Prism Leisure	181 †	...	3.5	2.4	16.8
10.10	Quadrant Grp	43	+8	...	...	...
13.70	Ramsdens (H)	229 †	+17½	4.5	2.5	∞
53.10	Scot Radio	990	+20	...	2.0	26.3
276.70	Scot TV	574	+25	10.3	2.3	28.3
53.30	SelecTV	37	+3	...	...	...
31.50	Southern Radio	111	+15	...	1.4	49.2
172.40	Stanley Leisure	324 ‡	+9	...	2.0	26.2
8.11	Sunset & Vine	142	...	3.5	3.1	21.7
647.20	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.5	18.7
17.70	Ticketing	2	...	...	...	...
14.70	Tottenham Hot	92 †	+5	...	2.7	4.8
62.00	Trans World	159	+27	0.8	0.6	58.0
79.80	Ulster TV	760	+57	12.0	2.0	23.3
103.10	Vardon	144	-7	1.1	1.0	∞
177.30	Yorkshire TV	351	-1	3.3	1.2	...
8.22	Zetters Gp	125 †	-15	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6,687.30	Ang Am	2375	+78½	...	2.4	24.4
448.70	Ang Am Coal	1781½	-31½	...	5.2	9.2
1,384.30	Ang Am Gold	5731½	+343½	...	3.0	25.7
23.30	Anglo Pac Res	30	+1	...	...	...
51.00	Bakyrchik	340	-1	...	...	...
31.40	Blyvoors	130½	+17½	...	...	...
4.27	Bracken	30½	-½	...	29.0	5.3
80.20	Buffels	729½	+19½	...	8.9	6.5
9.40	Butte	4	...	...	...	...
5,152.70	CRA	868½	-59½	...	2.4	27.8
37.80	Cluff Res	52	+4	...	...	...
5,988.20	De Beers	1575	-31½	...	3.1	21.4
111.20	Deelkraal	111½	-1½	...	1.8	8.2
17.60	Doornfontein	44	+3	...	...	...
1,591.60	Driefontein	780½	-53½	...	4.3	12.0
14.00	Durban	602	+3½	...	...	...
56.90	E Rand Gold	124	+5½	...	8.8	3.7
118.20	E Rand Prop	89	-9½	...	...	...
361.90	Elandsrand	373½	+21½	...	5.3	...
1,160.40	FS Cons	975½	+64½	...	6.6	12.5
8.89	FS Dev	40	+1	...	...	...
1,344.80	GFSA	1393½	+93½	...	2.9	23.4
1,727.20	Gencor	125½	+9½	...	7.1	14.1
394.30	GM Kalgoorli	73½	+1	...	1.9	30.3
14.90	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	-½	...	...	...
14.30	Grootvlei	125½	+8½	...	7.9	7.9
107.40	Harmony	399½	+22½	...	...	...
394.50	Hartes	352½	-11½	...	8.0	8.8
39.20	Inoco	19	-½	...	...	∞
563.10	Impala Plat	890½	+34½	...	3.2	28.7
11.60	Kenmare Res	15½	+1½	...	...	...
183.20	Kinross	1018½	+15½	...	6.1	11.3
922.70	Kloof	665½	-32½	...	3.7	7.9
13.90	Leslie	86½	-4½	...	13.0	4.7
35.50	Loraine	216½	-2½	...	...	...
140.60	Lydenburg	887½	-37½	...	3.4	...
1,929.50	MIM	137½	-6½	...	1.7	59.9
3,014.70	Minorco	1338	+67	...	2.9	15.8
1,176.90	Nth Bkn Hill	177½	-1	...	2.8	27.3
555.60	Orange Free	2468½	+125	...	5.1	14.6
8,999.20	RTZ	845	-7	...	2.9	23.9
111.80	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
373.30	Randfontn	610½	+24½	...	2.7	6.1
501.10	Renison	252	-6	...	1.8	26.1
1,445.30	Rustnbrg	1153½	-15½	...	2.8	26.3
60.00	St Helena	623½	+37½	...	6.8	13.1
467.30	Southvaal	1875 †	+162½	...	5.0	∞
10.90	Stilfontein	83½	+2½	...	24.8	15.6
33.80	Unisel	120½	-1½	...	3.7	11.5
7,434.60	Vaal Reefs	6240½	+709½	...	4.3	∞
227.80	Welkom	644½	+41½	...	5.2	14.4
221.10	Western Areas	548½	+13½	...	4.8	3.8
737.90	Western Deep	2662½	+293½	...	4.1	∞
3,423.60	Wstrn Mining	356½	-17½	...	1.5	...
91.90	Winkels	756½	-50	...	6.1	7.2
73.50	Zambia Copper	60	-5	...	...	...
69.00	Zandpan	53	...	...	8.8	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.06	Abbey Panels	253	+10	...	...	...
9.65	Airflow Stream	113	-2	3.0	3.3	10.9
101.90	Appleyard	166	...	...	3.9	...
17.70	Bletchley Mtr	385	+7	...	3.0	19.6
36.30	Bostrom	230	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
1,988.30	Br Aerospace	526	-17	7.3	1.7	...
54.90	Burndene	52 †	-1	...	4.2	14.0
14.90	Caffyns	450	...	11.5	3.2	23.8
37.40	Caverdale	20½	...	...	...	...
17.40	Central Mtr	130	...	4.0	3.9	∞
16.30	Cook (DC)	38	-2	0.9	3.0	21.6
463.60	Cowie (T)	324	-7	6.6	2.5	24.7
34.50	Dag Motors	204	+15	5.7	3.5	36.9
29.10	Davnprt Vern	156	...	4.2	3.4	∞
32.00	ERF	326	...	2.0	0.8	...
62.20	European Mtr	166	-4	...	2.8	23.3
108.60	Evans Halshaw	503	+5	11.4	2.8	77.5
232.20	FR Group	308	+21	...	2.9	14.3
21,523.90	Ford Motor	4375	-137½	...	...	...
28,777.00	General Mtr	4050	-237½	...	1.3	...
7.70	Gowrings	85	-3	2.0	2.9	...
136.10	Henlys	341	+1	3.5	1.3	...
10,195.90	Honda Motor	1047	+6	...	0.8	...
4.44	Jacks (Wm)	41	-2	...	...	...
9.00	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
292.40	Kwik-Fit	170	-5	...	2.6	24.0
507.60	Lex Service	536	-3	...	2.6	29.3
52.50	Lookers	274	+5	...	3.0	26.3
1,663.20	Lucas	224	+3½	...	3.9	...
25.30	Malaya Grp	28½	...	...	...	...
118.00	Pendragon	306	+3	...	2.6	25.1
99.00	Perry Gp	235	+1	...	3.8	...
50.00	Quicks Group	219	+5	...	2.7	27.8
2,187.40	Rolls-Royce	179	-½	...	3.5	...
1,235.70	T & N	246	+5	...	5.5	35.0
153.70	Trinity Hldgs	299	+1	...	2.3	28.0
101.00	Vardy (Reg)	221	+1	...	2.4	25.8
339.30	Westland	332 †	-1	...	1.7	23.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
54.70	Adscene	345	+25	5.7	2.1	35.1
5.20	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
332.30	Blenheim Gp	360	+1	...	3.3	13.4
66.50	Bristol	402	...	...	3.7	36.3
80.80	Daily Mail	1615½	+266½	...	1.1	37.8
1,432.20	Daily Mail 'A'	1437½	+93½	...	1.3	33.7
162.50	Dorling Kind	263	-2	...	1.6	23.8
4,208.40	Elsevier	6415½	-81½	...	1.5	22.0
798.10	EMAP	460	-2	...	2.2	28.4
328.70	Euromoney Pb	1600	+50	...	3.0	28.1
18.90	Harrington K	188	-1	4.7	3.1	15.4
74.70	Haynes Pub	478	...	...	1.9	26.7
138.20	Hodder H'line	387	+2	5.1	1.7	32.9
16.90	Home Counes	169	...	5.2	3.9	...
75.30	Intl Bus Comm	193	+5	...	...	27.9
8.07	Int Cm & Data	12½	+2	...	...	...
380.40	Independent	485	...	...	2.6	26.1
201.10	Johnston Press	653	+8	0.5	1.2	28.3
34.70	Metal Bulletin	356	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
729.50	Mirror Gp	182	-3	...	...	...
9,292.00	News Corp	503½	+9½	...	0.3	...
2,051.20	News Intl	297	+1	...	0.6	18.2
3,987.20	Pearson	720	-26	...	2.7	39.1
91.00	Portsmth Sund	758	...	...	1.6	20.0
5,155.60	Reed Intl	919	-5	...	2.4	40.0
38.20	Southnews	309	...	2.3	1.2	46.0
85.10	Sterling Pub	199	+3	...	2.0	24.2
777.80	Telegraph	577	+9	...	2.6	34.2
4,754.90	Thomson Corp	835 †	+7½	30.1	4.5	41.7
315.10	Trinity Intl	460	...	9.0	2.4	27.6
1.63	Unit Group	30	...	...	...	...
1,700.30	Utd Nwspaprs	698	-20	...	3.9	19.4

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75.90	Aran Energy	29	+1	...	...	28.2
24.70	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	72½	+2	...	...	...
17.30	Aviva Pet	55	-4	...	...	...
2.96	Beverley	8½	...	...	...	...
100.80	Br Borneo	224	-3	7.1	4.0	6.6
14,758.50	British Gas	341	+6	14.2	5.2	16.5
19,688.90	Br Petroleum	361 †	-10	...	3.0	30.6
22.50	Bula Resources	3	...	...	...	...
1,682.90	Burmah Castrl	863	+6	...	3.7	20.1
40.20	Cairn Energy	62	+3	...	...	8.9
581.00	Calor Gp	345	+3	...	4.3	18.8
163.80	Clyde Pet	41	-3	...	...	...
39.80	Copley Res	23½	-2½	...	...	...
4.43	Edin Oil & Gas	25½	...	...	...	...
2,105.80	Enterprise	428	-14	...	4.7	23.6
58.20	Exp Co Louis	55	+6	...	...	...
64.10	Fairhaven Intl	26½	-½	...	4.1	9.5
74.10	Fortune	7	+½	...	...	...
79.10	Goal Pet	59	-2	1.4	3.0	11.3
45.30	Gt Western Res	40	+2	...	...	...
172.70	Hardy O & G	153	-3	...	0.8	14.2
74.00	Kelt Energy	48	...	...	...	...
968.10	LASMO	129	+3	...	3.2	26.1
4.61	-do- Units	65	-3	9.4	18.2	...
10.40	Mid Scot Res	5	-1	...	...	...
425.20	Monument	64	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.67	New London	6½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
15.30	Nth Sea Assets	29	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
137.70	Oil Search	45	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Petrolex	46	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
83.60	Pict Pet	162	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
139.40	Premier	25½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
42.20	Presidio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
254.50	Ranger	360	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
39,146.70	Royal Dutch Fl	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4,520.80	Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
29.30	Seafield	57	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
24,196.30	Shell	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.95	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
27.20	Triton Europe	21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
21.40	Villers Grp	18½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,428.80	Woodside	214½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32.80	AG Holdings	162	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
90.70	API	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2,417.60	Arjo Wiggins	257	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
105.90	Abbott Mead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
209.60	Aegis Gp	26	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
27.90	Aspen Comms	205	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1.99	BBB Design	24	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
148.80	Bemrose	471	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.60	Birkdale	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
771.30	Bunzl	182	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
55.00	CIA Gp	420	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
48.10	Capital Inds	174	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.79	City of Lon	98	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
30.20	Cropper (Jms)	439	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.98	Delyn Group	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
30.40	Dolphin Pack	129	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9.57	Dudley Jenkins	87	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
28.30	Elswick	13½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
28.00	Fairway Group	9½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
136.20	Ferguson Intl	414	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
19.50	Ferry Pick	149	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
52.20	Filofax	222 †	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4.09	Fitch	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
13.30	Gibbon Lyons	147	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
68.40	Gold Greenless	260 †	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
12.10	Goodhead	36	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9.36	Hunterprint	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.11	Intereurope	135	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
91.90	Jarvis Porter	289	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
15.40	Lopex	29	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11.80	MSB	33½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
137.10	More O'Ferrall	422	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
59.00	NMC Group	134	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
18.10	Osborne & Little	276	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
12.90	Osprey Comms	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
378.50	Portals	581	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.98	Premier Hlth	7½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
58.50	Quarto	318	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
400.90	St Ives Gp	405	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
331.30	Saatchi	190	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
774.30	Sappi	519	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
21.20	Serif	29½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
46.20	Shandwick	55	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
765.30	Smith David	495	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,687.70	Smurfit (Jeff)	347	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2.38	Sonic	119	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
52.70	Stat-Plus	245	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
70.00	Taylor Nelson	32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11.00	VTR	140	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
661.00	WPP	127	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
189.70	Wace	212	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
208.20	Waddington (J)	259	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
322.80	Warnough	484	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.14	Westport	4½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2.38	Whitney Mcke	36	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
16.90	Wyndeham	103 †	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
89.10	Allied Lon	128	...	...	3.4	[illegible]
31.40	Arcadian	45	-3	...	...	...
31.60	Ascot Hldgs	9½	...	...	...	...
110.30	Asda	140	...	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
78.10	Avonside	150	-4	4.1	2.9	[illegible]
7,439.60	BCE	2429½	-15½	...	...	...
333.60	Bilton	260	...	14.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
56.30	Bourne End	106	-11	...	[illegible]	...
386.00	Bradford	269	-4	5.4	2.7	[illegible]
7.34	Bredero	20	...	...	...	...
1,299.00	Br Land	432 †	-2	...	2.1	[illegible]
567.70	Brixton	245	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
184.80	Burford	113	-5	...	[illegible]	...
65.70	Cap & Regnl	217	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
7.44	Cardiff Prop	220 †	...	...	[illegible]	...
271.40	Chelsfield	177½	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	...
132.30	Chesterfield	675	+12	11.5	2.1	49.2
12.90	City Site Ests	81	-12	...	...	...
15.20	Clarke Nickolls	29	-2	...	...	...
5.93	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	[illegible]
34.10	Conrad Rbtn GS	57	-3	...	...	...
283.60	Daejan	1740	-5	...	1.5	[illegible]
6.82	Dares Estates	19½	-1	...	...	...
64.80	Debenham Twsn	156	-1	...	2.6	[illegible]
7.08	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
33.40	Dencora	187	-1	3.0	2.0	...
84.20	Derwent Hldgs	723	...	[illegible]	1.5	...
82.40	Development Sec	38½	+½	...	...	...
32.30	Dwyer	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
27.00	Estates Agency	450	+11	...	2.1	[illegible]
7.91	Estates Gen	37	-4½	...	...	...
169.70	Evans Of Leeds	128	+1	...	2.3	[illegible]
35.10	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
6.34	Fletcher King	73 †	...	1.0	1.7	[illegible]
264.10	Frogmore	523	-6	...	3.5	[illegible]
64.70	Grainger	323 †	+4	...	2.0	[illegible]
723.10	Gt Portland	237	-6	...	4.2	[illegible]
190.60	Greycoat	215	...	...	...	...
6,010.80	HK Land	223½	-21½	...	2.5	29.4
280.00	Hambro Cntyw	79	-4	0.5	0.8	...
1,064.20	Hammerson	424	-9	10.0	2.9	[illegible]
61.10	Helical Bar	376	+1	...	1.5	13.5
62.30	Hemingway	38	...	...	...	...
11.50	Herring Baker	72	+3	3.7	6.5	[illegible]
5.50	Jermyn	275	+17	...	...	...
3,774.00	Land Sec	740	-13	23.1	3.9	22.1
282.10	Lon Merch Sec	116	-3	4.0	4.3	...
5.46	Lon & Metro	12	...	...	...	...
2,071.40	MEPC	504	-9	...	5.0	[illegible]
8.13	McInerney A	13½	...	...	...	...
44.30	McKay Secs	155 †	...	3.5	2.4	[illegible]
7.94	Markheath	6½	[illegible]	...	...	...
10.40	Merivale Mre	76	...	...	...	...
16.10	Moorfield Est	48	-3	...	...	...
58.50	Mountview	1275 †	...	23.0	2.2	13.3
187.40	Mucklow (A&J)	192	-3	...	4.0	29.9
12.80	Olives Prop	66	-2	...	...	...
26.20	ORB	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
230.80	PSIT	190 †	+7½	4.2	3.9	37.7
305.60	Peel	383	-11	4.3	1.4	...
9.88	Power Corp	8½	...	...	...	...
7.97	Property Trust	42	...	...	...	[illegible]
49.00	Raglan	52	...	...	...	...
41.60	Regalian	35½	...	...	...	...
20.00	Rowlinson Secs	160	-5	1.5	1.2	21.0
66.60	St Modwen Prp	57	-4	1.0	2.2	∞
73.00	Saville Grdn (J)	73 †	...	...	4.6	[illegible]
31.00	Savills	86 †	-2	...	3.5	34.0
130.80	Scot Met	101	-4	...	1.4	...
64.20	Shaftesbury	133	...	...	...	...
1.21	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
1,054.10	Slough Estates	274	-16	...	3.7	19.2
105.30	Southend Prop	95 †	-2	...	3.1	...
46.50	Stanhope Prps	28	-1	...	...	...
112.80	Tops Ests	244 †	...	2.1	1.1	...
165.00	Town Centre	161	+1	...	2.6	28.8
72.00	Trafford Park	106	-1	...	3.3	24.4
1.73	UK Land	40	...	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
152.60	Warner	314	-2	10.4	4.1	28.7
95.60	Warnford	249	+2	7.5	2.8	15.0
4.27	Waterglade	4½	...	...	...	...
158.00	Wates	103	...	...	...	...
8.29	Wood John D	101 †	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.88	Automagic	33	-1	...	...	...
77.40	Headlam	220	+2	...	1.7	49.7
23.90	Lambert	400	...	13.2	4.1	9.8
15.60	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	30.6
44.30	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
47.50	Stylo	248	-1	...	1.5	...
25.80	UK Safety	67	+2	...	4.9	2.2

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
177.10	Allied Text	615 ‡	+8½	12.9	2.6	∞
8.19	Beckman (A)	67	-1	...	6.7	14.4
3.11	Bolton Gp	34	+8	...	...	...
28.00	Br Mohair	211	+1	8.5	5.0	19.8
4.05	Charnwell	65	+12	...	...	...
147.40	Claremont Gs	363	+2	7.5	2.6	22.7
369.60	Courtauld Text	564	-15	13.9	3.1	15.4
3.95	Cupid	22	+1	...	...	...
228.10	Dawson	146	+2	...	6.5	11.1
5.83	Drummond	33	+1	...	...	...
9.11	Faupel	78	+1	4.9	7.9	12.1
3.15	Foster (John)	28	+1	...	...	...
7.97	Gaskell	164	...	4.2	3.2	...
38.60	Hicking Pntcst	234	-1	...	2.2	16.6
4.75	Jerome (S)	63	-1	...	0.4	...
145.20	Lamont	484	+1	12.0	3.1	32.0
96.40	Leeds	337 ‡	+3	...	2.1	17.8
6.78	Lyles (S)	94	-5	...	4.4	...
41.80	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
23.40	Parkland	265	...	...	0.8	...
210.50	Readicut	109½	-½	...	4.0	20.4
2.25	SEET	5½	...	...	...	...
77.60	Sirdar	145	+4	...	4.6	10.0
53.90	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
32.30	Stoddard	46	+1	...	4.7	42.8
20.10	Tomkinsons	325	...	...	4.4	27.6
19.90	West Trust	47 †	+2	...	7.2	...
26.80	Yorklyde	268	-4	...	2.5	17.6

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15,025.50	BAT	488	-8	...	4.9	14.6
2,993.80	Rothmans	451	-3	...	3.5	14.2

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,174.40	Assoc Br Ports	625	+10	...	1.8	...
5,145.80	BAA	1007	-31	...	2.0	25.0
103.60	Badgerline	120	-1	...	4.3	14.2
4,498.20	Br Airways	472	-3	...	2.9	19.9
23.50	Clarkson (H)	105	-3	1.7	2.1	...
1,507.00	Eurotunnel Uts	560	-18	...	...	...
20.50	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
43.50	IoM Steam	240	+1	...	2.6	15.3
11.20	Jacobs (JI)	51	-2	0.5	1.2	...
79.00	Lon O'Seas Frts	108	...	...	1.2	19.8
444.20	Mersey Docks	498	-26	9.0	2.3	∞
110.40	Nad Express	276	+2	...	3.2	28.5
1,794.60	NFC	259 †	+4	...	3.4	20.1
505.80	Ocean Group	328	+4	...	5.5	...
33.30	Ocean Wilson	84	...	4.0	6.0	15.2
4,179.00	P & O Dfd	700	...	...	5.4	38.0
103.30	P & O 5 1/2%	155	...	...	4.4	...
442.90	Powell Duffryn	668	+8	...	4.2	21.2
22.40	Seacon	235	-1	5.7	3.1	∞
247.40	Stagecoach	198	-3	...	2.4	34.2
657.30	TNT	116½	-4½	...	...	...
401.70	Tibbett & Britn	915	-17	12.6	1.7	35.1
58.70	Tiphook	53	-11	...	...	...
488.90	TDG	319	-1	...	3.7	10.0
31.40	Ugland	131	+7	...	...	...

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,669.40	Anglian Water	564 †	+20	...	4.8	11.2
62.40	Mid Kent Hldgs	365	...	...	3.7	13.5
471.20	Northumbrian	696 †	-9	...	4.1	8.2
2,088.80	North West	560 †	+3	...	4.9	9.3
2,132.50	Severn Trent	594 †	+3	...	4.6	9.2
1,036.70	Sthrn Water	617 †	-4	...	4.4	9.9
89.00	Sth Staffs	1390	+7	48.5	3.8	11.3
769.30	South West	614 †	...	...	4.9	9.9
2,228.30	Thames Water	567	+11	...	4.7	11.1
1,008.40	Welsh Water	694 †	+10	...	4.3	7.0
872.90	Wessex Water	698 †	-10	...	4.0	11.1
1,138.30	Yorkshire W	570 †	-4	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
550	Treas 14½% 1994	100 †	..	14.50	..
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.29	4.90
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.86	4.91
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	103[illegible] †	-[illegible]	12.05	4.90
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	102[illegible]	.	8.74	4.92
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.28	4.90
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.06	4.92
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.57	5.02
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.34	5.14
770	Treas 14% 1996	115[illegible]		12.09	5.29
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	120[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.68	5.40
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.39	5.40
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.00	5.61
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	120[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.04	5.74
2,730	Exch 10½% 1997	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.29	5.76
6,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	109[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.00	5.84
830	Exch 15% 1997	129[illegible]	...	11.59	5.90
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.63	6.02
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.92	5.97
1,600	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.92	5.96
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101[illegible]	...	6.64	5.25
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	129[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.86	6.21
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.28	6.09
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	123[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.72	6.26
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.32	6.16

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,900	Treas 6% 1999	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.99	6.04
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	125[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.74	6.33
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.83	6.26
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.63	6.35
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.92	6.30
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	133[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.74	6.56
3,250	Treas 7% 2001	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.78	6.48
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	118[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.41	6.62
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.16	6.75
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	109[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.30	6.63
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	122[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.17	6.80
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	126[illegible] †	+[illegible]	9.10	6.80
343	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81[illegible]	-[illegible]	4.27	5.87
3,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.69	6.65
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	120[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.91	6.85
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	120[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.89	6.86
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.03	7.02
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.43	6.85
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	107[illegible] †	-[illegible]	7.19	6.84
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	131[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.94	6.99
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	114[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.44	6.89
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	146[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.21	7.02
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.56	6.90

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.25	6.92
4,275	Conv 9% 2011	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.44	6.92
5,190	Treas 9% 2012	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.39	6.91
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.25	6.68
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.09	6.87
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.15	6.90
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	152	-1[illegible]	7.89	7.09
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	122[illegible] †	-[illegible]	7.17	6.86

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	51	-[illegible]	6.86	...
475	Treas 2½%	34[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.15	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	137[illegible]	...	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	202[illegible] †	-[illegible]	0.93	1.99
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	1.38	2.10
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174[illegible] †	-[illegible]	2.19	2.59
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	170[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.45	2.78
850	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.51	2.82
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	179[illegible]	-1[illegible]	2.62	2.87
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162[illegible]	-1[illegible]	2.84	3.06
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169[illegible] †	-1[illegible]	2.89	3.08
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140[illegible]	-1[illegible]	2.94	3.12
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150[illegible]	-1[illegible]	2.99	3.15
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145[illegible]	-1[illegible]	3.04	3.18
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122[illegible]	-1[illegible]	3.03	3.16

Names call a halt to Lloyd's case

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than six years of litigation between Lloyd's of London and 39 loss-making names has fizzled out after the names' last-minute decision to drop their action.

Names on the crashed Oakley Vaughan syndicates were due in court on February 28 to attempt to prove that they were owed a legal duty of care by the Corporation of Lloyd's. Their decision to pull out marks the end of a string of court appearances since the legal battle began in 1987. This month's hearing represented an appeal against a High Court ruling that went in favour of Lloyd's.

In a letter to the Clerk of the Lists, Epstein Grower & Michael Freeman, the names' solicitors, wrote: "We have now been instructed to invite the Court to dismiss the appeal which is fixed for hearing on February 28."

The names realise they will be responsible for any of the respondents' appeal costs, which are not yet known, but are thought to be about £1 million, or £26,000 for each name.

The names claimed that Lloyd's owed them a duty of care to inform them of malpractices uncovered during a 1981 internal enquiry into their syndicates and underwriters. They decided not to proceed with their claim in the light of recent court rulings that policyholders' interests were paramount. This cast doubt on the question of Lloyd's owing a duty to names.

Writs were issued in August 1987 but, after the names amended their claim, the High Court hearing was adjourned from the spring to the summer of 1991, when Mr Justice Gatehouse decided to take the "duty of care" argument as a preliminary issue: one that was relevant to actions being taken by numerous names.

The names appealed Mr Justice Gatehouse's decision in September and won. Lloyd's appealed and the decision was overturned by the House of Lords in February 1992. In May 1992, Mr Justice Gatehouse heard the case as a preliminary issue and ruled for Lloyd's. The names appealed and were due in court this month.

The Oakley Vaughan action group is continuing with its action against members' and managing agents to try to recover losses of £6 million.

Firms take bid cover

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

IN an outbreak of corporate paranoia, at least 100 British quoted companies have taken out insurance to cover the costs of becoming embroiled in a hostile takeover bid. Of the 2,500-odd companies quoted in 1986, more than a quarter have been taken over.

TOI Corporate Services, 35 per cent-owned by the Swire Fraser group, claims to be the only specialised provider of such insurance, and now has about 100 British clients. The insurer asks potential clients to fill in a confidential questionnaire on shareholder structure and any existing bid approaches and uses this to assess the size of the premiums.

TOI was set up by Sandra Ringsell, a former corporate financier, three years ago. She says that while British firms enjoy better odds than Americans in surviving hostile bids, the experience can often severely weaken them, even to the extent that they succumb unnecessarily next time.

Chief executives who have already felt the icy breath of a predator need not apply. Bids that appear within less than three months of the insurance being taken are not covered.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

ICI poised for return to black

CURRENCY benefits and cost-cutting should help **Imperial Chemical Industries**, Britain's biggest chemicals group, return to the black at the full-year stage on Thursday.

ICI, which last June demerged its Zeneca drugs and agrochemicals operations, is expected to report a final pre-tax profit of £280 million, compared with a provision-driven loss of £271 million, according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £260 million to £300 million. A maintained net dividend of 27.5p is predicted. On an FRS3 basis, NatWest is looking for a final pre-tax profit of £107 million (£470 million loss).

Analysts will be eager to hear what Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, says about current trading and prospects, as ICI is still seen by many as a bellwether of the country's economic health.



Analysts want to hear what Sir Denys Henderson, of ICI, has to say about prospects

TODAY

Interims: Ashtead Group, Conrad, Essex Furniture, FII Group, Fleming High Income IT (3ID), Johnson Fry Utilities Trust, London Industrial (Q3), Wills Group. **Finals:** City Merchants High Yield Trust, Govett & Co, Grosvenor Development Capital, Korea Liberalisation Fund, Low & Bonar.

TOMORROW

SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals group, is expected to report final pre-tax profits of £1.22 billion (£1.09 billion), including exceptional gains, according to Andrew Porter at UBS. Market forecasts range from £1.1 billion to £1.27 billion. Excluding exceptionals, final profits are forecast to climb to £1.17 billion (£1.05 billion). The dividend is predicted to rise to 10.2p (8.6p).

Interims: Amer Group (Q3), Bellwinch, Eaglet IT, John Haggas, Henderson Euro Trust, Macro 4, North American Gas IT, River & Mercantile Smaller Companies Trust, Stewart & Wight, Thorn EMI (Q3). **Finals:** Guardian Royal Exchange, Regina, Sedgwick Group, Shires High-Yielding Smaller Companies Trust, Temple Bar IT, Unilever. **Economic statistics:** UK output, income and expenditure (Q4 1993), capital expenditure (Q4 1993 — provisional), stocks and work in progress (Q4 1993 — provisional).

WEDNESDAY

National Westminster Bank is expected to again be knocking on the door of the £1 billion-plus profits club. Rod Barrett, of Goldman Sachs, has pencilled in profits of £960 million, propelled partly by a 30 per cent fall in bad debts. He sees earnings per share of 31.8p (11.3p) and a total dividend up to 18.3p (17.5p).

Losses after provisions at ***British Aerospace*** should drop to £160 million from losses of £1.2 billion last time, Nick Cunningham, of Strauss Turnbull, said. He thinks the dividend will rise to 7.7p (7p).

Interims: Alliance Resources, Community Hospitals, Gartmore Shared Equity Trust, Gartmore Value Investments (Q3), Gencor, Minerals Oils & Resources, Pacific Horizon IT, Tottenham Hotspur. **Finals:** British Aerospace, Commercial Union, Dunedin Income Growth IT, Fairway Group, Foreign & Colonial Enterprise Trust, Grafton Group, Lombard North Central, National Westminster Bank, Oriental Smaller, Porvair, Serif, TR High Income Trust, Transatlantic Holdings.

THURSDAY

British Gas, due to lose its monopoly supply to domestic customers by 1996, is thought to have benefited from the cold autumn last year. It should show a rise in net income to £739 million (£681 million), according to NatWest Securities. The broker forecasts the dividend will rise by 2 per cent to 14.5p (14.2p).

Interims: British Assets Trust (Q1D), Elsco Holdings, Flogas, Quayle Munro Holdings, Regent Inns, Throgmorton Dual Trust, Tor IT (2ID), Towry Law. **Finals:** British Gas, Edinburgh Oil & Gas, European Smaller Companies, ICI, London Finance & Investment, Merlin International Green IT, Provident Financial, Royal Dutch Shell, Royal Insurance, Skipton Building Society, The Telegraph. **Economic statistics:** UK national accounts (Q4 1993), balance of payments (Q4 1993 — revised), stocks and work in progress (Q4 1993 — revised).

FRIDAY

Interims: Foreign & Colonial Special Utilities IT, Goodwin, Honeysuckle Group, Isotron, Middle Witwatersrand, Frank Usher Holdings. **Finals:** Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon, Horace Small Apparel. **Economic statistics:** CBI monthly trends enquiry (February), balance of trade with countries outside the EC (January).

MARTIN FLANAGAN AND PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Deadline nears for BT3 second instalment

TIME is running out for investors in BT3 to pay the second instalment. The payment must be received by Thursday, February 24, so cheques and bankers' drafts can clear in time for the 3pm deadline on March 1. The second instalment is 140p a share, except for those investors who opted for the 10p discount. They pay 130p a share on the first 1,000 shares. Stephen Dorrell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said: "I would urge holders to put payment of the second instalment in hand now so that they do not miss next Thursday's deadline for receipt of cheques."

Anyone who has not paid by March 1 may lose rights to their shares and any entitlement to future dividends or incentives. If the Treasury takes back the shares and sells them, holders may get back only their original 150p a share investment, losing out on potential profits on the current price.

G7 jobs clash threatens

BRITAIN looks set to clash with other governments at the Group of Seven richest nations' jobs summit over proposals to reduce unemployment. An unpublished draft document for next month's meeting in Detroit, obtained by *The Times*, makes it clear that much of the conference will focus on wider economic aspects of unemployment, leaving relatively little room for the issue of more flexible labour markets which the British Government regards as central to bringing unemployment down. Unemployment is forecast by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to rise in G7 countries to 7.5 per cent this year, but drop back to 7.3 per cent in 1995. Finance, economic and employment ministers are due to attend.

Clydesdale bids expected

UP TO six groups are expected to submit offers for all or parts of the Clydesdale group, the Scottish electrical retailer that went into receivership last month. The deadline for bids closes at 4pm today, with Norweb and Scottish Power thought to be among the frontrunners. Dixons may also be a bidder, but only for a small number of Clydesdale's 135 stores. An offer from management is also likely. Allan Griffiths, joint receiver and head of corporate recovery at Grant Thornton, says he will favour offers for the entire business, which includes rental and financial services operations. He refused to be drawn on price, but said the group should go for a "substantial premium" over its net asset value of £19 million.

CBI seeks tax law review

THE Confederation of British Industry has attacked the Government over the way it drafts and enacts new tax laws. The organisation is calling for a complete overhaul of drafting procedures after what it calls the "massive length and complexity" of the current Finance Bill, which already contains 417 pages, with more clauses to come. Howard Davies, the Director-General of the CBI, said that the Bill was difficult to reconcile with the Government's initiative on deregulation and claimed it hit the innocent as well as the guilty with a time-consuming and expensive regulatory burden. The CBI wants to see simpler, shorter tax laws in future and is keen to take part in a review of the legislative procedures.

Inflation gloom blurs outlook

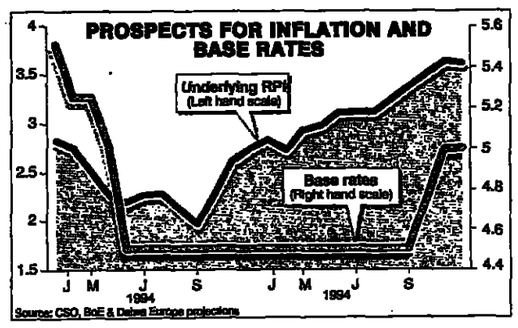
A POOR international background for bonds, coupled with concerns over domestic fundamentals, have left the benchmark ten-year gilt almost four points lower than the peak at the end of 1993.

Will the market now fall further in anticipation of a strengthening economy and escalating inflation? We believe not. Gilts are discounting too much bad news on the economy and the still good fundamentals should allow gilts to divorce themselves from the international background in coming weeks.

The market has yet to take on board the risks to growth that will force a mid-year trough in base rates of 4.5 per cent and core inflation falling to 2 per cent by summer, remaining below 3 per cent for the next four quarters.

Gilts will be buffeted by foreign as well as domestic factors. The most pressing is the deterioration in the US-Japan bilateral trade talks (and its perverse impact on currency flows) and the sell-off in Treasuries, which has depressed European sentiment.

The correlation between the fall in US Treasuries and European bonds is not wholly justified as the economic and interest-rate cycles are on different tracks. The liquidation of European holdings by American hedged funds has been a big factor behind the European setback and the threat will remain until stability returns to the US market.



But while the impact of international capital flows is important, it does not override the positive factors behind European bond markets and gilts. The underlying economic performance will determine the downward trend in European interest rates and therefore European yields.

UK economic fundamentals will be under close scrutiny. The gilt market has entered 1994 with a bearish outlook on inflation and a more optimistic tone on growth. The traditional method of measuring implied inflation (conventional yields minus index-linked) shows that, since the low point of 3.5 per cent in late December, expectations have been revised up by 30 basis points. We are more optimistic and question the increase in 1994 expectations for inflation.

Daiwa's inflation model emphasises wage behaviour and changes occurring at the micro level in the economy. This shows a very promising inflation outlook. It is the changes in the labour market and the behaviour of retailers that were misjudged last year.

Retailers have struggled to entice consumers sufficiently, despite price discounts. We expect downward pressure on prices to persist. Even in the labour market a build-up in pressures that would undermine the price outlook is unlikely. The market is not yet discounting inflation at only 2 per cent this summer and at a maximum 2.75 per cent by Christmas. A fall in implied inflation to 3 per cent (given the risk premium), rather than 3.5 per cent, is justified.

Some of the optimism on growth that built up in January has dissipated and the market is still not fully aware of the economic head-winds to come. Tax rises will impede growth and limit inflation. A squeeze on disposable incomes will not be compensated for by higher earnings and, without a sharp fall in savings, consumption will weaken.

This lack of confidence raises doubts that Britain can maintain growth over 2 per cent without interest-rate cuts to 4.5 per cent by mid-year. Our base forecast is for 2.6 per cent growth in 1994, but it hinges on lower UK rates, a 200 bps reduction across Europe and only a marginal increase in the US. Without these, 1.5 per cent UK growth would be a good figure.

These, together with sterling at DM2.60 by mid-year, should not be ignored when looking at gilts. Although international sentiment will dominate this week, the gilt auction should be judged on the medium-term view, which is very positive. A combination of domestic factors will drive five-year yields below 5.5 per cent by mid-year and ten-year yields to 6 per cent.

SANJAY JOSHI, NEIL WILLIAMS
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WORD WATCH

Answers from page 36

CAVALLY
(a) A name given by the 17th-century navigators to various species of tropical fish, known also as horse-mackerel, from the Spanish and Portuguese *cavalla*, Italian *cavallo* mackerel, *cf.* the specific names *Caranx caballus*, *Cybium caballa* given to species of horse-mackerel.

CONVIVE
(b) One who feasts with others, a fellow-banqueter, table-companion, mess-mate, adaptation of the Latin *convivæ* fellow-feaster, *convivere* to live together with: "The Christians in these times, much after the manner of the Lacedaemonian Convives, us'd to eat in public and together."

PRETORIUM
(a) The tent of the commanding general in a Roman camp, the space where this was placed, from the Latin *praetorium*, a general's tent, a provincial governor's palace, the praetorian guard: "When one of their tribes first saw the habits of a Roman camp and observed the centurions walking up and down before the pretorium for exercise."

RIVEL
(c) A wrinkle or fold upon the skin (especially of the face), or on the rind of a fruit, perhaps representing an OE *rifel*, whence *rifelede* rivelled; Philemon Holland, *Pliny's Natural History of the World*, 1601: "It wanteth the due parching and ripening against the sunne: and by that meanes cometh short of the rivels and blacknesse that the outlandish pepper hath."

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German mark
2.5405 (-0.0283)
Exchange index
80.4 (-0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
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FT-SE 100
3382.6 (+3.7)
New York Dow Jones
3887.46 (-7.32)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18959.60 (-1031.10)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.01
Austria Sch	18.83	17.33
Belgium Fr	55.44	51.04
Canada $	2.092	1.932
Cyprus Cyp£	0.794	0.744
Denmark Kr	10.52	9.72
Finland Mkk	8.84	8.04
France Fr	9.08	8.38
Germany Dm	2.69	2.46
Greece Dr	390.00	365.00
Hong Kong $	12.11	11.11
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2571.00	2416.00
Japan Yen	170.00	153.00
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.998	2.768
Norway Kr	11.57	10.77
Portugal Esc	267.50	249.00
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.33	11.53
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
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The smart money is on a smartcard revolution

The chips are down for cash — the microchips, that is. **Sara McConnell** looks at the latest in plastic money



All aboard: Steven Norris, London Transport Minister, launching the smartcard pilot scheme on Harrow bus routes

Just as everyone has got used to credit, debit and cashpoint cards, the world moves on, a step nearer to the ultimate cashless society. Instead of bulging pockets of change, people will carry smartcards, already charged up with cash. The same card will hold information about the identity of the holder on the microchip embedded into its plastic surface. It may provide access to a customer's bank account. All the holder needs to do is hold it up to a reader for information to be checked or cash deducted.

If this sounds familiar, it is. Smartcards, using microprocessors rather than the magnetic stripes on credit and debit cards, have been around for a while. Some European countries have been using them in public call boxes and shops for some time. The chip in the smartcard is mainly used to authorise cards, instead of using telephone lines to authorise cards, as in Britain. Recently, it emerged that countries including France and The Netherlands were experimenting with smartcards to prove identity.

But, until now in Britain, smartcards have had limited applications, for example as security passes. Transport networks in towns such as Milton Keynes issue passengers with smartcards instead of travelcards. Electronic "keys" preloaded with cash for buying electricity exist as do preloaded phonecards, but again in isolation. There has been no concerted investment in nationally accepted smartcards with readers installed in shops, garages and other outlets.

Richard Tyson-Davis, of the Association for Payment Clearing Services, says the banking system has, until now, been hooked on magnetic stripes. Britain's early acceptance of credit cards and more recently cashpoint and debit cards has meant huge investment in magnetic stripe reading technology by retailers. There are 80 million plastic payment cards in circulation and 230,000 readers in shops. Banks are investing millions, making the stripes impossible to copy by fraudsters.

In the end, it could be the need to fight fraud that persuades banks to switch to smartcards. In the first nine months of last year they lost £101 million on lost, stolen and counterfeit cards. Cards with chips will become an increasingly important weapon in card verification. Trials are being conducted in which cardholders' fingerprints are stored on chips. Retailers can compare the recorded image with the cardholder's print. Some banks reason that if they are going to use smartcard technology for fighting fraud, they may as well issue smartcards generally. But, given set-up costs estimated at hundreds of millions of pounds, it will be several years before they issue cards, even if they decide they want to.

So far, initiatives to test and develop smartcards have been taken by individual organisations or joint ventures, although pilot schemes for specific applications are becoming more ambitious.

Bus passengers using London routes in Harrow are already being issued with smartcards for an 18-month experiment. Retailers who sell weekly and monthly travelcards are helping issue smartcards. The experiment was launched on Tuesday by Steven Norris, the London Transport Minister.

The cards, which will carry an electronically recorded image of the holder, can be used on 200 buses over 19 routes, either as a kind of electronic purse, pre-loaded with cash, or recorded with details of a travel card or concession. Given the complexity of London Transport's fares system, it is not surprising that drivers are keen to co-operate with the pilot. The card will be recognised by a beam set to read the details on the processor at an inch's distance. London Transport said: "People don't even have to take the cards out of their wallet or handbag. But we want to test how the reader will work with the vibrations of the bus and so on."

Next, it will be the turn of 5,000 elderly people and children in Bolton to be issued with smartcards by the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (GMPTE). Smartcard readers will be put in 100 buses. The scheme is expected to cost £10 million.

In London and Bolton, the cards have three main attractions. They should cut fraudulent use of bus passes and fare evasion; they should reduce the time passengers take getting on buses and tendering fares and they will be vital in the battle to keep travelcards and travel concessions, both of which could be threatened by deregulation and privatisation of routes. In Manchester, 76 bus companies compete for passengers. They accept travelcards and reduced fare tickets, but the GMPTE faces an administrative nightmare reimbursing the different companies. Four, Greater Manchester Buses (North), Ribble Motors, Bolton Coachways and Timeline, are participating in the pilot. London is now unlikely to have a deregulated system, but London Buses is expected to be sold off this year and all its routes put out to tender.

The first glimmerings of a nationwide smartcard network through banks came last year, when National Westminster Bank, Midland and British Telecom jointly announced the Mondex card. This is a card with a microchip that stores cash. It can be loaded from adapted cashpoint machines and used to pay for goods in any outlet with a terminal, with no need to exchange cash. It can also be used to transfer cash to someone with a similar card. The banks are having talks with retailers to persuade them to install readers. It will be tested in Swindon next year.

The vision of smartcards being as acceptable as credit cards or cash can become reality only if the banks act together to develop smartcards either as well as or instead of magnetic stripe cards. Banks will not commit themselves. But asked if everyone will have smartcards in ten years' time, they answer "yes".

Trade wars and self-fulfilling market speculation



ANTHONY HARRIS

The markdown in the US bond and equity markets last Friday has been put down to a number of causes, and reported as the end of the four-year bond market boom; yet it is generally agreed that inflation, except perhaps in the US, is still falling, and that interest rates in Europe and indeed in Japan are still likely to fall.

Something here doesn't fit; and this is hardly surprising. A closer examination suggests that the popular explanations are wrong, and that the conclusion is equally doubtful. Indeed, this could well be a bond-buying opportunity.

The leading culprit is a report from the Philadelphia Federal Reserve showing rising price pressures; or, to be accurate, that manufacturers in the district were paying rising input prices, and expected to be able to pass these on in selling prices. This does indeed show that US demand for goods is now robust, and had it burst into a scene of slack demand and falling inflation, it might indeed have come as a shock, and ended the bull market in bonds.

In fact, though, the bull market in Wall Street ended before the end of 1993, and yields have been rising quite strongly for weeks. The vigour of the US recovery has been widely remarked, and the rise in raw material prices is a year old, and indeed for the time being past its peak. In any case, raw materials are a very small factor in setting final retail prices, and the compression of retail margins — the major reason US inflation has temporarily stopped — continues. On a better market day, the report would have rated no more than down-page coverage. This looks like post-rationalisation, not explanation.

Raw material prices are set in world markets; and world demand is not booming. The major explanation — again well known in the markets — is buying by the hedge funds, which have observed that prices in some important market have fallen below production costs. The hedge funds have also been active in the bond markets, and it was their selling last week that extended the well-established rise in yields a little further; and the whole episode might quite plausibly be put down to self-fulfilling speculation. This would not be fair, though.

Hedge fund speculation can be stabilising in the long run when it is anticipating the way the fundamentals are bound to operate, as is the case here: so, far from setting off a rising long-term trend, their intervention has probably cut the long-term rise in prices by keeping marginal producers solvent. But if they are stabilising commodity prices in some long-run sense, are they destabilising the security markets? Again, the answer is that they are not.

The point is that the real news in the market last week — news that was not already discounted weeks ago — was the breakdown in the US-Japanese trade talks. In the tough talking that followed, someone in the US team was tactless enough to suggest that the American authorities might punish Japan by pushing up the already overvalued yen to new heights. This was not only silly, but dangerous, because it inflamed the habitual fears of the Tokyo markets, which are always over-sensitive to anything that looks like official guidance. It was almost-certainly self-fulfilling speculation by the Japanese, or preemptive price marking by the traders, which drove up the yen so sharply after the breakdown: and the market movements are a natural consequence. A yen appreciation is bad for Japanese profits, and imposes currency losses on Japanese holders of US bonds, which have a long experience of such losses, and are highly sensitive to them. It therefore tends to drive down the prices of equities in Tokyo and bonds in Wall Street — exactly what happened last week.

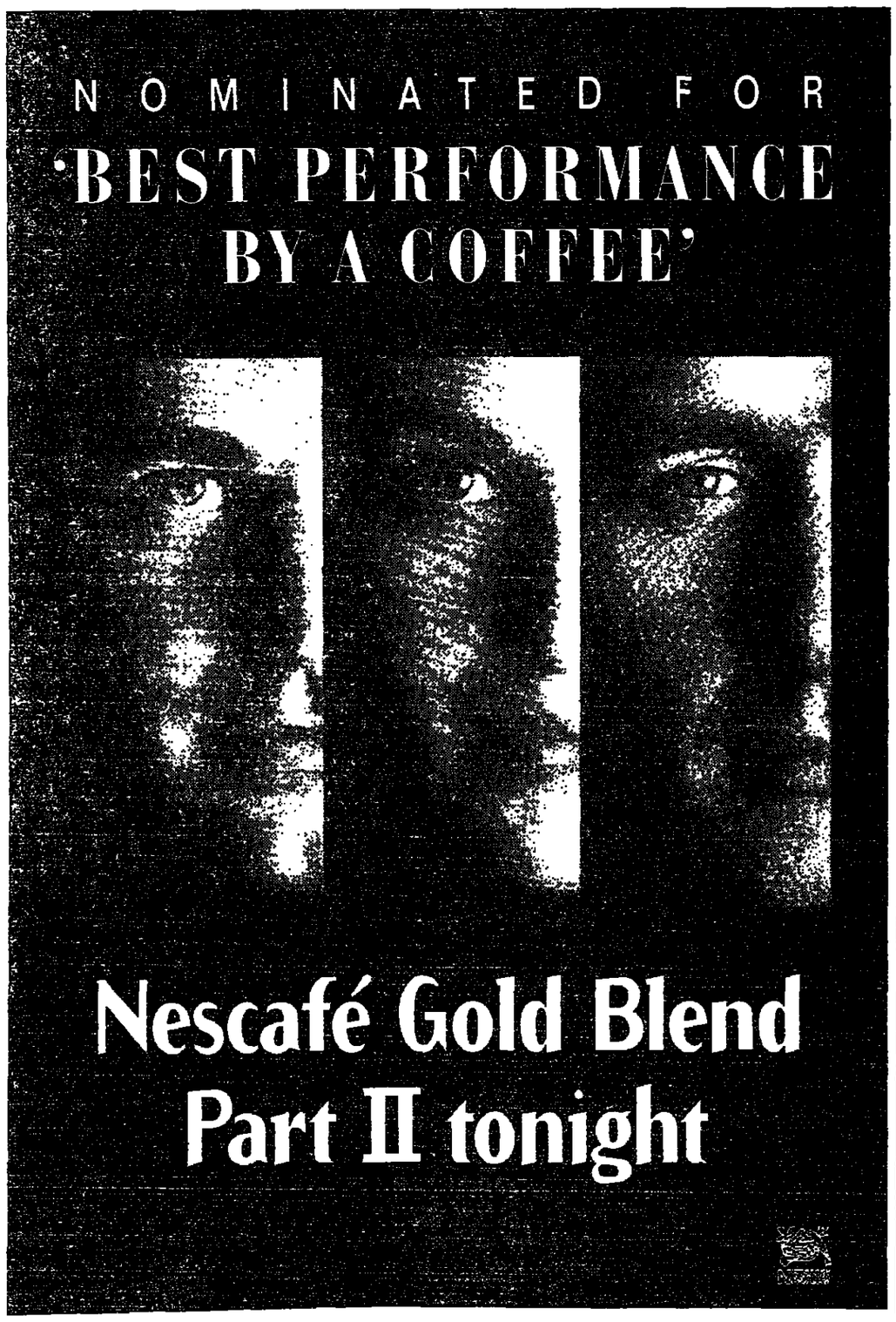
A suggestion that the US might punish Japan was not only silly, but dangerous.

Is this a new trend, or just a reaction to temporary fears? A strong recovery in the US bond market does not seem likely unless the impact of the Clinton tax increases in the US recovery proves stronger than now seems likely; but the rise in the yen, the immediate cause of the adjustment, does look temporary. The evidence suggests that any rate above the 110-115 range in which the yen had settled would so depress the Japanese economy that the long-delayed fiscal stimulus would be too little and too late: and a Japanese domestic recovery is an essential part of any plan to reduce the Japanese trade surplus. The Clinton Administration seems to understand this, and has been disowning any talk of hostile currency market intervention. Once this stance is trusted, and the yen is seen to be at a peak, US bond yields will again appear attractive to Japanese investors. The sell-off may then be seen as somewhat overdone.

All this, however, begs the big question for investors outside the US. Last week, the market reaction was worldwide; as in any unexpected adjustment, yields in all markets tend to move together. In the longer run, however, trends can diverge widely in different markets. European long bond yields are already below Wall Street returns, and even the gap between London and New York has largely vanished — events which would have seems unthinkable no so long ago. The question is whether the market will tolerate quite large differentials against the US, and extend this decoupling.

The answer, which will appear probably in the next two or three months, is a test not only of old thinking habits, but of the most widely believed proposition in the bond market: that yields reflect long-term inflation expectations. There is now some reason to believe that US demand is now strong enough to enable supliers to rebuild compressed profit margins, which would result in at least a temporary rise in inflation (the long-term consequences would depend on the results in labour and raw material markets). There is no reason, though, to expect such pressures to appear in Europe or Japan for some time.

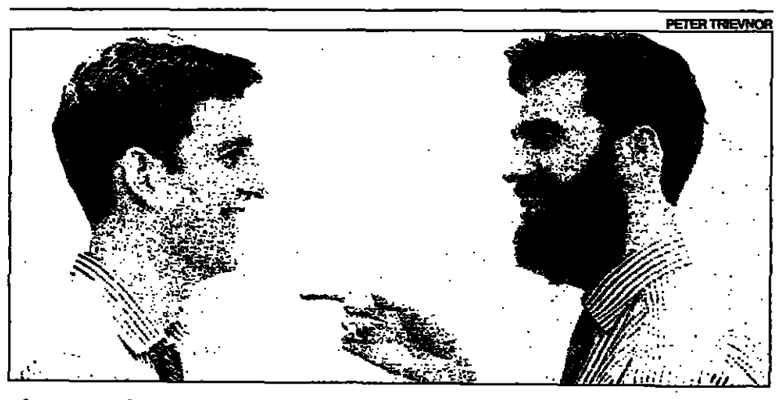
On the contrary, recent news suggests the European recovery, where it has appeared at all, is weakening. This is why the Bundesbank cut rates last week, and why British figures — most notably for credit growth — gave a shock to the equity market. Later this summer, the Union will suffer from a co-ordinated fiscal deflation, which suggests that the impact in each member country will be stronger than usual. A market disappointment on growth and demand should, in principle, be good for bonds, but bad for equities; a decoupling which may be long overdue.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Have results, will travel . . .

OVERSEAS board meetings at which directors consider interim and annual results of their companies are becoming a fashion. But while they may be an occasion for the further education of directors, such gatherings in far away places are increasingly becoming a frustration to analysts. Analysts need to eye-ball directors, or at the very least speak to them on the telephone, on results day. David Davies is shepherding his Johnson Matthey board to South Africa for the next set of results, and it now emerges that another big gun will be out of town on results day. If ever there was a year in which Minorco comes in from the cold, then it is 1994. Minorco was "born" in the UK in 1928, later went south and was registered in Zambia, where it was on top of its copper mines. Then it was re-registered in Bermuda, and in 1987 it put up its brass plate in Luxembourg. Minorco was transformed from an investment to an operating group last September in a $1 billion shares-for-mines deal through which it acquired mines in, among other places, South America. The deal has been back-dated to July 1, so interim results for the six months ended December 31 are keenly awaited. So where will Minorco's chairman, Julian Ogilvie Thompson, be on March 17 when interim results are published? In Santiago, Chile, where the time difference with London is three hours behind. David Fisher, Minorco's finance director, might not know it yet, but he will probably be detailed to stand by the phones in Chile so that London analysts can talk through the figures on the day rather than wait for their promised debriefing (in London) at a later date. Here's hoping Minorco does not find anything on the moon before 1994 year-end results are due.



PETER TRIEVNOR

After and before: Jeremy Cox, above, of Hambros Bank's capital markets division, was ceremoniously shaved of his beard on Friday. He had been growing as a bet since November 15. Cox raised £8,000 for various charities including the Red Cross and The Children of the Milky Way Appeal, which aims to supply a paediatric nurse at the Conquest Hospital, East Hastings, who will travel the district caring for terminally ill children in their own homes. Even as the barber's blade was being raised, office bets were being placed on the average length — in millimetres — of six strands of hair.

A problem shared

PROSHARE, the body dedicated to promoting wider share ownership, is up and away with its recently established ProShare Plain English Task Force, whose aim is to eliminate the gobbledygook through which too many ordinary shareholders are obliged to hurdle almost as though they were tackling an obstacle course. For most ordinary mortals, a provisional allotment letter that comes with a rights issue remains one of the more complexing pieces of paper pushed out by companies. Philip Hooker, director of Hoare Govett corporate finance, says enhanced scrip dividends are not far behind allotment letters in the complexity stakes. "Some companies have had to set up 'help lines' to explain what the enhanced scrip instrument is all about," he says. Peter Soden, of ProShare, speaks of another minefield that works against the cause of simplicity. A shareholder taking up one recent rights issue would have been required to write nine separate words, containing a total of 53 letters — plus five spaces — on a cheque a mere 14cms long. ProShare hints that it may not be too long before a first victory is won in the fight for plain English, and that it might even consider giving a lexicon (oops, sorry, dictionary) as a prize.

All that jazz

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, graced *Desert Island Discs* yesterday choosing mainly jazz records for his eight. Contrary to earlier wicked City rumours, the Chancellor did not chose *Hey, Big Spender*; *Pennies from Heaven*; or *Money, Money, Money*. Nor did he elect to take The Red Book.

COLIN CAMPBELL

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2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (s) (5216711) **3.05 Family Affairs** presented by Gloria Hunniford and Caron Keating (6724315) **3.35 The Complete BBC Diet and Fitness Show**. Tony Robinson learns how to combat middle-age spread (9920353)

3.45 Bump (7442605) **3.50 Model Millie**. Comedy series *starring Polly Taylor and Sarah Davison* (s) (9992570) **4.05 Batfink** (4439286) **4.10 Jackanory**. *Tales from the Norse's Mouth*, written and narrated by Sandi Toksvig (s) (7022266) **4.25 SuperTed** (r) (2769044) **4.30 Albert the 5th Musketeer**. Cartoon. (Ceefax) (s) (537)

5.00 Newsround (8907841) **5.10 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (2987957)

5.35 ***Neighbours*** *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (761421)*

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (402)

6.30 Regional news magazines (222)

7.00 Watchdog. Consumer affairs series introduced by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (4402)

7.30 Olympic Grandstand. A round-up of today's events (266)



Torvill and Dean skate for gold (8.00pm)

8.00 Olympic Ice Dance Championship. Live coverage of the free dance section, including Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean's "Let's Face the Music and Dance" routine (1759119)

9.15 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (191957)

9.45 Panorama. Current affairs series (443808)

10.25 Middlemarch. A repeat of Wednesday's last episode in the acclaimed dramatisation of George Eliot's novel. (Ceefax) (s) (274763). **Wales:** *The Noble Trail 10.55 Middlemarch 11.55 Film 94* 12.25am-12.55 Careering Ahead

11.25 Film 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *The Pelican Brief* and *Philadelphia*. Plus a location report from New York where *Romeo is Bleeding* is being filmed (s) (595605)

11.55 Careering Ahead. Job hunting advice (s) (711841) **12.25am Weather** (4130648)

3.00-3.50 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (71464) **3.30 Pathways to Care** (16647174)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (2096773)

8.15 Westminster Daily (2019624)

8.30 Look, Stranger. A portrait of Cuthbert Temple Lane Harrison, head of a Durham organ-making dynasty (r) (5600112)

8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w) Pathe newsclips from 40 years ago this week (1341808)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Bump (58974808) **1.25-1.40** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (23930266)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbers Plus: Infant Maths** (r) (11189570)

2.15 Olympic Grandstand featuring the women's alpine combined event, the women's 1,500m speedskating, the women's 4 x 5km cross-country relay and the freestyle aerial skiing competition (951841). Includes at **3.00, News** (Ceefax) and weather **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7421112) **4.00 Today's the Day**. Quiz presented by Martyn Lewis (s) (995)

4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama serial. English subtitles (s) (179). **Wales:** Macgregor's Scotland

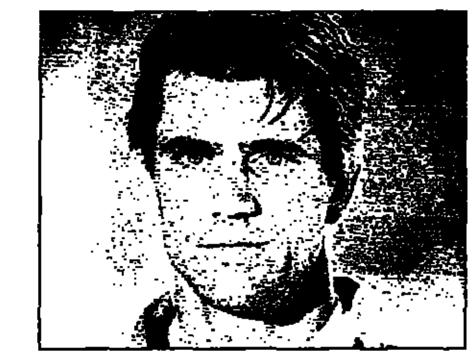
5.00 Catchword. *Paul Coia with another round of the* word game (s) (2808)

5.30 Gardeners' World (r) (Ceefax) (s) (131)

6.00 Def II: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American comedy (s) (695452) *6.25* **The Ren and Stimpy Show**. Animation (195605) **6.50 Rough Guide to Careers.** Numbers 19 to 26 in the series of 50 job ideas (r) (s) (491763)

7.20 CHOICE **Young Musician of the Year: Woodwind Masterclass** (s) (634860)

8.00 Wildlife On Two: Blubber Lovers. The lifestyle of elephant seals on a California beach (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1792)



Mel Gibson has a crop of worries (8.30pm)

8.30 FILM: The River (1984) starring Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek. Rural drama, about a Tennessee farming couple and their two children, fighting nature and the unwelcome attentions of big business. Directed by Mark Rydell (99150)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (637570)

11.15 Olympic Grandstand. *Ice dancing and the ice* hockey game between the United States and Italy (169889) **11.55 Weather** (980179)

12.00 Modern Art. Manet's *Olympia* (r) (6257667)

12.25am-1.30 OU Downloaded Video. Design Consumer Products (5307377)

2.00-4.00 Night School: Mathematics Mathsphere Series 2 (43377)

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CHOICE



Behind the scenes at Gatwick Airport (C4, 9.00pm)

Cutting Edge: Airport
Channel 4, 9.00pm

It has shops, a chapel, a police force, a fire brigade and 20 million visitors a year. Gatwick Airport, says the woman who works the public address system, is a small town with all a small town's problems. There is no shortage of material for a film-maker and Kevin Mann's documentary skilfully mixes the momentous and the trivial, the sombre and the funny. Bomb alerts come into one category. The woman who *fell asleep on* the plane and thought she had landed in Melbourne comes in another. The Princess Royal greeting foreign royals is both a security headache and a touch of *glamour. The least enchanted arrivals are a group of* Jamaicans who find themselves scrutinised by customs and detained by immigration.

Young Musician of the Year: Woodwind Masterclass
BBC2, 7.20pm

At the age 16 the clarinettist Michael Collins won the woodwind section in the first televised *Young Musician of the Year* competition. He has since become a distinguished soloist with leading British orchestras and has his own ensemble. Tonight he *renews his connection with Young Musician of the Year* by taking the first of five masterclasses which are being broadcast as a prelude to the 1994 contest. Collins is joined by the jazz saxophonist, Courtney Pine, *as he passes on his expertise to three young* woodwind players. The other masterclasses will be led by Evelyn Glennie, Jean-Bernard Pommier, Lynn Harrell and Hakan Hardenberger. The final is at the Barbican in London on April 10.

Northern Exposure
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Now entering its fourth series, the American comedy-drama remains an acquired taste. There is not much in the way of plot but the writing is literate and the quirky humour helps to sustain an element of surprise. For newcomers, *the show* concerns a young New York doctor (Rob Morrow) who gets posted to an Alaskan town in the middle of nowhere and finds himself surrounded by oddballs. One of these is Maggie (Janine Turner), a pilot whose boyfriends mysteriously die on her. In tonight's episode she is approaching 30 and the recipient of rather too many jokes about being over the hill. A better gag is what happens to her when *she decides to emulate the Indians and spend her last* night as a twentysomething sleeping by a river.

Under the Hammer
ITV, 9.00pm

John Mortimer's auction house drama signs off on a jolly note, leaving the hope that this first series will not be the last. There have been flat patches but at its best the show has offered much civilised pleasure, mainly through Mortimer's talent for witty dialogue and cunningly crafted plots. It has also given Richard Wilson the chance to escape from the awful Victor Meldrew, even if his character's passion for fast motorbikes and loud ties has not always rung true. The final story starts with the unlikely discovery of a Roman statue of Venus in the garden of a suburban semi. The explanation is a long time coming but clever enough to be worth waiting for. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (3066179)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8139976) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3951599)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (s) (2895599)

10.35 **This Morning** *(38655686)* **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8545599)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3672624)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (s) (3657315)

1.25 Home and Away. (Teletext) (97353044)

1.55 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice hears how singer/songwriter Beverly Craven combines her *career and motherhood Plus film reviews and* report from London Fashion Week (s) (62796006)

2.25 A Country Practice Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (43481841) **2.50 The Young Doctors** Hospital drama (3971976)

3.20 ITN News headlines (8743179) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8735150)

3.30 Tots TV (s) (9916150) **3.40 Rainbow** (7452082) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (1079860) **4.20 Harry's Mad** The guest is snooker star Steve Davis (s) (2966353) **4.50 Art Attack** (s) (9917686)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5257353)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (121547)

6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (29711)

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chalmers reports *from Cyprus*. John Carter continues his travels through India and Anne Davies visits a family activity centre for the able bodied and disabled in Northumbria. (Teletext) (s) (9570)

7.30 **Coronation Street**. (Teletext) (s) (334)

8.00 Law and Disorder. Courtroom comedy series starring Penelope Keith. (Teletext) (5518)

8.30 World in Action: Homicide UK. John Capers, a former chief investigator of New York's Homicides and Narcotics Investigations Unit, examines the extent of drugs-related violence in Britain and compares it with New York. (s) (7353)



A healthy break for Richard Wilson (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Under the Hammer: Treasure Trove.** (Teletext) (s) (4976)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (79228) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (116112)

10.40 Dave Allen. The last in the repeat of the comedian's latest series (s) (407860)

11.10 Magnum. The private detective is hired by a former Russian pilot to kidnap his fiancée (520841)

12.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (46280) **1.00am Shannon's Deal.** American drama series (1935280)

1.50 Beyond Reality. Adventures of two investigative parapsychologists (1678174)

2.20 Nite Bites. Inexpensive recipes for insomniacs (s) *(6049551)* **2.30** ***Sport AM*** *(53984)*

3.30 FILM: Blondie in Society (1941, b/w). Comedy starring Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. Directed by Frank R. Strayer (18377)

5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (59700)

5.30 ITN Morning News (29464). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Cartoon adventures (r) (6928112)

7.00 The Big Breakfast with Gaby Roslin (31605)

9.00 Sabotage. All-female game show, introduced by Maria McErlane (s) (89605)

9.30 Schools. Geography Start Here! (7861501) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (6029262) **10.02** Science Start Here! (4371537) **10.18** World Studies. Tourism (4350044) **10.40** The English Programme. GCSE Literature (9460315) **11.07** Time for Maths (7391315) **11.18** Mathsbook (7315995) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3476334) **11.45** Junior Technology. Designing and Making (3471889)

12.00 Right To Reply (r) (Teletext) (s) (69841)

12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (32402) **1.30 Bobobobs** Environmental cartoon adventures (r) (18605)

2.00 Homefront Episode seven of the 24-part drama about three American Second World War veterans trying to readjust to civvie life (s) (7363334)

2.55 A King Among Pork Knockers. Preston King, Professor of Politics at Lancaster University, goes to Guyana to look for "pork knockers", veteran prospectors looking for gold and diamonds in the jungle (r) (Teletext) (s) (3096421)

3.55 Nature Perfected A repeat of Friday's programme about classic Italian gardens (Teletext) (6402976)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game With Carol Vorderman (Teletext) (s) (247)

5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and topical chat show from Dublin, presented by Gay Byrne (s) (9711)

6.00 ***Don't Forget Your Toothbrush*** *(r) (s) (27353)*

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (270686)

7.50 Comment. Artist and conservationist David Shepherd on the threat to Kenya's wildlife following the resignation of Dr Richard Leakey (Teletext) (452082)

8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (6860)

8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's shop (r) (Teletext) (s) (5995)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Airport.** (Teletext) (2518)



Moose encounter for Rob Morrow (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Northern Exposure: Northwest Passages.** (Teletext) (s) (929696)

10.55 Five Years of the Fatwa. Salman Rushdie with the story of his five years in hiding and the effect of the Fatwa on his personality and his writing (401686)

11.25 FILM: Sam and Me (1991) starring Ranjit Chowdhry and Peter Boretski A drama about the unusual relationship that develops between a wayward 23-year-old Indian immigrant in Canada and the 75-year-old patriarch of a Jewish family whom he is looking after. Directed by Deepa Mehta (s) (625686)

1.10am My Country in Europe. Three hundred young people from 16 European countries profile their country in brief animations, co-ordinated by the International Animated Film Association (2744396). Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session (r) **9.00** Comedy Network. Lee Hurst compares a gig recorded at Nottingham Trent University **9.30** Room 101 **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up *to Wogan* **9.15** *Pause for Thought* **9.30** Martin Kelner **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Stars in Brass: Trumpeter Maurice Murphy **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** *Digby Fairweather with Jazz* Notes **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition Michele Stephens talks to Nick Yapp **9.00** Schools: Active Science; **9.20** Storybox. **9.30** The Song Tree; **9.45** Let's Move!; **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Body Talk **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** What If One Day Cricket Had Flopped? **3.00** Test Match Special: West Indies v *England from Sabina Park, Jamaica* **7.30** Test Match Special Plus. Including coverage of a tie from the fifth round of the FA Cup **10.15** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Art of Travel **8.00** *News* **8.10** *Words of Faith* **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Animals of Power **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** This is Your Sport? **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Slightly Foxed **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Frankenstein* **2.45** The Dance Selection *3.00 News 3.15 Opera of the Week* **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report Special **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News *10.10 British News* **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Screenplay **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Slightly Foxed **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports **3.30** John Peel *4.00 News 4.15 Health Matters*

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Scriabin (Piano Concerto in F sharp minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Musical Landscapes: Shropshire and Herefordshire **8.00** Evening Concert: Principals of the Boston SO perform Beethoven (String Trio in C minor Op 9 No 3); Leon Kirchner (Music for Twelve), Dvořák (Quintet in G, Op 77) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49749247) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (43406150) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8735150) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5257353) **6.00** Home and Away (790286) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (420334) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (116112) **10.40** Love Call (575204) **11.40** Street Legal (528518) **12.35am** Sword of Honour (7451735) **1.30** Sport AM (47803) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (9302006) **3.25** The Beat (5216498) **4.20** Jobfinder (6376071) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (59700)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (3951599) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (8545599) **1.55** Shortland Street (49749247) **2.20** Cooking at the Academy (43406150) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3971976) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8735150) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5257353) **6.00** Home and Away (790286) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (420334) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (116112) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (544421) **12.05am** Wanted Dead or Alive (8010984) **12.40** The Gunfighters (846667) **2.25** Sport AM (1284445) **3.25** Hollywood Report (87990551) **3.50** *Nite Bites* (21028396) **4.05** *Jobfinder* (2664700) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3632716)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West News (3951599) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (8545599) **1.55** A Country Practice (49749247) **2.20-2.50** Cooking at the Academy (43406150) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (8735150) **6.00** HTV News (570) **6.30-7.00** Challenge of the Seas (150) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News and Weather (116112) **11.10** Roadrunner (599421) **11.40** Spotlight (740353) **12.10am** Coach (1014648) **12.35** Sword of Honour (7451735) **1.30** Sport AM (47803) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (9302006) **3.25** The Beat (5216498) **4.20** Jobfinder (6376071) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (59700)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six (570) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (116112) **11.10** Primetime (599421) **11.40-12.10pm** The Twilight Zone (740353)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3951599) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8545599) **1.55** A Country Practice (49749247) **2.20** Houseparty (43406150) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3971976) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (570) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (150) **11.10** Business North and South (599421) **11.40-12.00pm** Sledge Hammer (334841) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (59700)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49749247) **2.20-2.45** Wish You Were Here...? (43482570) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (453537) **6.30-7.00** Put It in Writing (150) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (544421) **12.05am** Sail the World (6231629) **12.35** To The Four Winds (825174) **2.15** The New Music (833071) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (935483) **4.15** Nite Bites (16542667) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (75174)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (62796006) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (43405421) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (29711) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (116112) **11.10** The Powers That Be (599421) **11.40** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (528518) **12.35am** Sword of Honour (7451735) **1.30** Sport AM (47803) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (9302006) **3.25** The Beat (5216498) **4.20** Jobfinder (6376071) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (59700)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49749247) **2.20** Wish You Were Here..? (43482570) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (6738518) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News(8735150)**5.55** Calendar (453537) **6.30-7.00** Enterprise 94 (150) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (116112) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (544421) **12.05am** Sail the World (6231629) **12.35** To The Four Winds (825174) **2.15** The New Music (833071) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (935483) **4.15** Nite Bites (16542667) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (75174)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (31605) **9.00** Sabotage (89605) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (484808) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (69841) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (19334) **1.00** The Rise And Fall Of Elephant Marsh (34792) **1.30** Blossom True Romance (18605) **2.00** Homefront. Toledo (7363334) **2.55** The Oprah Winfrey Show: Family Dinner Experiment (3868315) **3.45** Laurel And Hardy (9900599) **4.00** Slot 23 (173) **4.00** Ty Chwith (8503605) **4.20** Wit Wat (7004860) **4.35** Llun (6834570) **5.00** Batman The Joker Trumps An Ace (7976) **5.30** Countdown (599) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (187686) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (171437) **6.25** Heno (428976) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7112) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (976) **8.00** Mir-ladron: Mir-ladron Y Mor Tawel (6860) **8.30** Newyddion/news (5995) **9.00** Sgorio (2518) **10.00** Brookside (60570) **10.30** Roseanne: The Mommy's Curse (86518) **11.00** Homicide - Life On The Street: Black And Blue (268599) **11.55** Secret History: The Dambusters Raid (247131)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Educating Immigrants — a *Dutch View* **6.55** *Weather*

7.00 On Air: Purcell (Trio Sonata No 5 in G minor); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé Suite No 2); Burgon (Nunc dimittis); Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellini); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Book 8 No 43); Mozart (Flute Concerto in D, K314)

9.00 Composers of the Week: Lalande, Marais and Their Circle. Marais (La folette; Rondeau, Pièces de viole, Book 3), Du Mont (Dialogus de anima — *excerpts*); Lalande (Miserere); Gilles (Diligam te, Domine — excerpts)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Massenet (Suite No 3, Scènes dramatiques), Janaček (String Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata); Bliss (Ballet, Miracle in the Gorbals)

12.00 Modern Times: Cabaret songs reflecting attitudes of the 20th century

1.00pm News 1.05 BBC ***Lunchtime Concert***: Robert Holl, baritone, and Rudolph Jansen, piano, play Schubert (Schwanengesang, D957)

2.10 A Dutch Retrospect: Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra under Frans Brüggen performs Mozart (Piano Concerto No 24 in C *minor*, K491; Symphony No 41 in C, K551, Jupiter)

3.20 Satie: Parade (French National Orchestra under Manuel Rosenthal)

3.40 The First Piano Music: Melvyn Tan plays a selection of Lodovico Giustini's 1732 sonatas. Sonatas: No 1 in G minor; No 3 in F; No 10 in F minor; No 7 in G (r)

4.30 A Different Rhythm: The impact of black music on the British scene

5.00 The Music Machine: Catherine Butler and Alison Loram discuss stage-fright

5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green. Johann Schobert (Menuetto, Trio in B flat); Oscar Straus (Duet, Piccolo! Piccolo! Tsin, Tsin, Ein Walzertraum); Gottschalk (Variations on the *Portuguese National Hymn)*; Schumann (Kennst du das Land)

7.30 Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox, with Nikolai Madoyan, violin, performs Purcell, arr Britten (Chacony in G minor); Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Tippett (Divertimento on Sellinger's Round); Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D)

9.10 Artists and the Landscape: See Choice

9.30 Nikolaeva Plays Bach's "48". Bach (Well-Tempered Klavier, Book 1, Preludes and Fugues Nos 7-12: Tatiana Nikolaeva, piano)

10.05 Skempton and Muldowney: Howard Skempton (Lento), Dominic Muldowney (Three Pieces for orchestra)

10.45 Mixing It

11.30 Music Restored: The Dufay Collective performs medieval dance music

12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Pauline Webb **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.40** Bye, British. In the first of a new series on aspects of nationalism, Mark Steyn finds out what constitutes Britishness **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg

10.00-10.30 Wordly Wise (FM only): *Times* columnist Lynne Truss joins the panel game

10.00 ***News; Daily Service*** **(LW** only), live from St Ann's Church, Manchester

10.15 The Bible (LW only): Acts of the Apostles. Read by Michael Williams (1/10) (r)

10.30 Woman's Hour: Sheila McLennon meets a group of mothers, whose children have been victims of sexual abuse. Incl **11.00 News**

11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am

12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard

12.25pm Counterpoint. Music quiz with Ned Sherrin **12.55** *Weather*

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Brief Encounter: Ian Holm and Cheryl Campbell star in Noël Coward's quintessential English love story, adapted for radio by Walter Hall. Alec and Laura, both married to other people, find the constraints of decent behaviour an insurmountable obstacle to their love (r)

3.00 Anderson Country. Call Gerry *Anderson with your comments* on 071-765 5540

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott talks to the American bass Thomas Hampson

4.45 Short Story: Myra and Bruce Find Fame, by Anne Leaton. Read by Lorelei King

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Just a Minute Nicholas Parsons with guests Clement *Freud, Derek Nimmo, Paul* Merton and Eddie Izzard (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme (r)

7.45 The Monday Play Underworld. See Choice

9.15 Kaleidoscope *(r)*

9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather

10.00 ***The World Tonight***

10.45 A Book at Bedtime. Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey. Abridged and read by John Turnbull (8/12)

11.00 Thy Good and Faithful Servant: Andrew Fowles, butler at Ragley Hall, talks about his informal relationship with the seventh Marquess of Hertford (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** *Weather* **12.33** *Shipping* **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Monday Play: Underworld. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Don Taylor has written, and directs, an epic serio-comic allegory. Like John Fletcher's *Death and the Tango* and Steve Walker's *The Pope's Brother* — both Giles Cooper award-winners, incidentally — it recognises no limits to the power of imagination, whether technical, mythical or moralistic. It can, and does, go through a broom cupboard to a nether land where the traditional conceptions of Hell and Heaven are reversed. The bad rejoice, the good weep. In this latter-day *Divine Comedy*, Stephen Moore's played-out ad-man is the Dante (aka Harry) to Michael Pennington's Virgil (aka John Milton).

Artists and the Landscape. *Radio 3, 9.10pm.*

Is there still a role for the representational painter in an age of abstract *and conceptual art? Roger de Grey* is living proof that there is. Now 75, the recently retired president of the Royal Academy continues to fly the flag for his preferred style of landscape painting. It flutters proudly over his Kentish countryside studio. Dr Frank Whitford chats with the man obsessed *with verticals and horizontals* and — though not supernaturally — haunted by Cézanne. **Peter Davalle**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (73795334) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5817599) **9.10** Cartoons (4231421) **9.30** Card Sharks (2304745) **9.55** Concentration (1754006) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6736860) **10.30** Love at First Sight (27889) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (65686) **12.00** Urban Peasant (79911) **12.30pm** E Street (51334) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (56889) **2.00** Top of the Hill (40889) **3.00** Another World (5093565) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (9853179) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7911) **6.00** Games World (6614) **6.30** E Street (1686) **7.00** M*A*S*H (1570) **7.30** Full House (6470) **8.00** The Deliberate Stranger Final part of the mini-series (88402) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (14727) **11.00** Untouchables (86179) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (97984) **1.00am** Night Court (77735) **1.30-2.00** Living Color (49435)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (72537) **9.30** 60 Minutes (20995) **11.30** Japan Business (92773) **12.30pm** News/Business (30131) **1.30** CBS News (31860) **2.30** Parliament (95711) **3.30** Parliament (66044) **4.30** News/Business (1781) **7.30** Special Report (8112) **9.30** Talkback (39112) **11.30** CBS News (42537) **12.30am** ABC News (42071) **1.30** Special Report (92377) **2.30** Travel (39445) **3.30** Talkback (34990) **4.30** Special Report (20648) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (78754)

SKY MOVIES

6.05am Showcase (67142773)
10.00 Delirious (1991): A scriptwriter wakes up in his own soap-opera (55150)
12.00 Showdown (1973) Rock Hudson and Dean Martin fall for the same woman (47792)
2.00pm Against a Crooked Sky (1975) A boy searches for his sister (98889)
4.00 Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971) James Garner plays a con-man who turns his side-kick into a gunman (5773)
6.00 Delirious (as 10am) (14763)
8.00 Honour Thy Mother (1992) Sharon *Gless's husband is murdered* (99018624)
9.40 UK Top Ten (402773)
10.00 Dogfight (1992) River Phoenix sets out to date the ugliest girl in town (551402)
11.35 The Fear Inside (1992): Psychopaths *trap an agoraphobic woman* (403686)
1.20am Lock Up (1989). Prisoner Sylvester Stallone fights cruel prison staff (729667)
3.05 Windows (1980): A rape victim makes friends with her mad neighbour (5648754)
4.35 Against a Crooked Sky (as 2pm) (5406667) Ends at **6.05**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Wrong Man (1956, b/w). Hitchcock thriller (631311)
8.00 The Snake Pit (1948, b/w): Olivia de Havilland is in a mental institution (75976)
10.00 White of the Eye (1987): Thriller with David Keith (126063). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Canon City (1948, b/w) Convicts break out of a state prison (94407247)
7.50 ***Brer Rabbit*** *Rabbit tales (4557179)*
8.40 The Canterville Ghost. Cartoon about an unfriendly spook (1622599)
9.40 King Lear (1971). Paul Scofield stars in Shakespeare's tragedy (53157957)
12.00 ***Only Angels Have Wings*** (1939, b/w) The macho world of mail pilot Cary Grant is invaded by Jean Arthur (45334)
2.00pm To Sir, With Love (1967): Sidney Poitier plays a novice teacher (89131)
4.00 ***Brer Rabbit*** *(as 7.50am) (43841)*
5.00 The Canterville Ghost (as 8.40am) (3179)
6.00 Little Heroes (1992): A poor girl in a rich neighbourhood is hailed a hero (14745)
8.00 Lethal Weapon 3 (1992). Mel Gibson and Danny Glover hunt a rogue cop (71112)
10.00 Split Second (1992) Cops stalk an alien in post-apocalyptic London (559044)
11.35 Shame (1992): Biker lawyer Amanda Donohoe confronts rapists (776044)
1.10am Fools of Fortune (1990): War epic set in 1920s Ireland (436445)
3.00 More Dead Than Alive (1968): *Gunman Clint Walker goes straight* (922648)
4.40-6.00 Little Heroes (as 6pm) (5432938)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (13247) **7.30** Adventure Sport (93222) **8.30** World Sports (23150) **9.00** Prime Bodies (14402) **9.30** Trucks and Tractors (40315) **10.00** The Big League (21266) **11.00** USA PGA Golf (33711) **1.00pm** FA Cup Football. Wimbledon v Manchester Utd (97711) **3.00** Test Match Cricket. West Indies v England (532773) **5.30** Soccer News (273841) **5.45** Test Match Cricket (58772995) **10.30** Soccer News (314792) **10.45** Daytona 500 (330599) **12.45-1.15am** Snowboarding (412342)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Olympic News (32421) **6.30** Olympic Morning (87334) **7.00** Skating (65808) **8.00** Alpine Skiing (33315) **9.30** Cross-Country Skiing (20421) **11.00** Ski Jumping (12995) **11.30** Alpine Skiing (18228) **1.00pm** Speedskating (67082) **2.00** Ice Hockey (541421) **4.30** Olympic News (91686) **6.00** Skating (9616179) **10.00** Olympic News (20063) **10.30** News (39711) **11.00** Ice Hockey (72792) **1.00am** Olympic News (13561) **1.30** News (33803) **2.00** Ice Hockey (16261) **4.00** Skating (63377) **5.00** Olympic Morning (77161) **5.30-6.00** News (16838)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (4274711) **7.30** Neighbours (4260518) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4650605) **8.30** EastEnders (4659976) **9.00** The Bill (4640228) **9.30** Nanny (4281131) **10.30** Rockliffe (1061063) **11.30** The Sullivans (4885247) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4653792) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1873976) **1.00** EastEnders (4273082) **1.30** The Bill (1872247) **2.00** Adnan Mole (2760063) **2.30** Man About the House (5115841) **3.00** Dallas (2560247) **3.55** The Colbys (4411808) **4.50** Every Second (3884518) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (85433860) **5.55** Sykes (4266082) **6.30** EastEnders (5130150) **7.00** Nanny (2197889) **8.00** Sorry (2757599) **8.30** Man About the House (2769334) **9.00** Rockliffe (2186773) **10.00** The Bill (4654421) **10.30** Filthy, Rich and Catflap (1692044) **11.10** Top of the Pops (5318228) **11.55** Dr Who (5120179) **12.25-2.15am** FILM Dodge City (1939): Errol Flynn fights corruption (1811193)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Rathan II (70605) **6.30** Bobobobs (76315) **7.00** Paddy (4955179) **7.15** Zacou U (953624) **7.45** Pugwall (952995) **8.15** Head to Head (9693537) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (74808) **9.00** Droibee Time (89353) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (34547) **11.00** Rath'an II (36599) **11.30** Bobobobs (37228) **12.00** Paddy (5165112) **12.15pm** Madeline (568605) **12.45** Pugwall (567976) **1.15** Head *to Head (23695976)* **1.30** *Teddy Ruxpin* (85402) **2.00** Madeline (3112) **2.30** New Shoe People (5047402) **2.45** Baber (547112) **3.15** Rathan II (3487599) **3.20** Nilwile (2872131) **3.40** Split and Hercules (6158605) *3.55 Head to Head (5347605)* **4.00** McGee and Me (2353) **4.30-6.00** T-Rex (8537)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Speed Racer (11889) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (23624) **8.00** Rugrats (22421) **8.30** Attack Killer Tomatoes (21792) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (12044) **9.30** Kablooey (48957) **10.00** Eureeka's Castle (74860) **10.30** David the Gnome (18228) **11.00** Banana Sandwich (85841) **11.30** Eureeka (86570) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (32808) **12.30pm** Gnomes (42773) **1.00** Banana Sandwich (97060) **1.30** Janosch (41044) **2.00** Wild Side (7226) **2.30** Out of Control (4315) **3.00** Get the Picture (9063) **3.30** Killer Tomatoes (9860) **4.00** Speed Racer (8995) **4.30** Hero Turtles (4179) **5.00** Clarissa (1808) **5.30** Guts (8131) **6.00** Rugrats (5044) **6.30-7.00** Monkees (3583044)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Red Kangaroos (4866112) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (2759957) **5.30** Terra X (4272889) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4027402) **7.00** Classic Cars (2762421) **7.30** Spirit of Survival (5134976) **8.00** Secret Services (2164179) **9.00** Going Places (2184315) **10.00** Overland Challenge (4652063) **10.30** Valhalla (4661711) **11.00-12.00** Charlottes: Islands Out of Time (4258773)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. None But the Lonely Heart (1944, b/w) Gangster drama with Cary Grant (3893537) **2.00pm** FILM. Always a Bride (1954, b/w). Comedy about a bunch of lovable crooks (5325611) **3.35** Art Linkletter (4713150) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5131889) **4.30** My Three Sons (5120773) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (2779711) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5144353) **6.00** I Spy (1878063) **7.00** Cannon (2152957) **8.00** The Avengers (2191605) **9.00** FILM Butterfield 8 (1960). Elizabeth Taylor tries to quit prostitution (2194792) **11.00** Get Smart (4894995) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3879957)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (2202088) **8.00** Fighting Back (1764082) **8.30** Rendezvous (1783353) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6936976) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4826082) **10.30** Young and the Restless (4273006) **11.30** Delia Smith (3069808) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77793421) **12.15pm** Living (58612792) **12.30** Divorce Court (9733402) **1.00** On the House (5267421) **1.30** Rendezvous (9732773) **2.00** Agony (4827711) **3.00** Living (7900150) **3.45** Gladrags (69506686) **4.00** Definition (1558599) **4.30** Infatuation (1570711) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (5705137) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5202334) **5.45** Kilroy (2571678) **6.30** Ken Hom (1559228) **7.00** Definition (5800781) **7.30** Amore (1548112) **8.00** Young and the Restless (2088131) **9.00** FILM: I Don't Buy Kisses Anymore (1991). A student studying obesity is pursued by one of her subjects (2098518) **11.00** Amore (3043860) **11.30** Infatuation (4822266) **12.00-1.00am** Agony (6602844)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Big Brother Jake (7792) **5.30** Zorro (9889) **6.00** Wonder Years (9402) **6.30** Catchphrase (3082) **7.00** All Clued Up (4228) **7.30** Pyramid (3268) **8.00** Altogether (3976) **8.30** GP (5711) **9.00** Lou Grant (57570) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (79353) **10.30** Rhoda (55773) **11.00** Remington (64006) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (57358)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (27860) *8.00 VJ Ingo (392402) 11.00 Soul of MTV* (25179) **12.00** Greatest Hits (51204) **1.00pm** Simone (170957) **3.30** The Report (8161179) **3.45** At the Movies (6159334) **4.00** News (6575537) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6558860) **4.30** Dial MTV (5745) **5.00** Hit List UK (68247) **7.00** Greatest Hits (60044) **8.00** Unplugged with Stone Temple Pilots (5334) **8.30** Unplugged with Pearl Jam (4841) **9.00** The Real World (41421) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (25873) **10.00** The Report (193773) **10.15** At the Movies (198228) **10.30** News (958150) **10.45** 3 from 1 (953605) **11.00** Hit List UK (21082) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (73006) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (4537764)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (38131) **7.00** Regional News (15792) **7.30** Asian Morning (34529) **8.00** Hindi News (62063) **8.30** Urdu News (1573191) **8.45** English News (6523696) **9.00** Saheel (83179) **10.00** Pakistani FILM or (812632) **1.00** Mullah Nasruddin (14063) rad3231.30 Hindi FILM: Shaktimaan (957353) **4.30** Kiddie Time (5063) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (3353) **7.00** Face to Face (1044) **7.30** BBCD (5808) **8.00** English News (586150) **8.15** Hindi FILM Kayda kanoon (87644808) **11.15** Padosi (705570) **12.05am** Five Pasi (8918919) **1.35** Sight and Sound (35663700)

TNT

Theme: Birthday Tribute to Ann Sheridan
7.00pm Silver River (1948, b/w) *A gambler* falls for a married woman (33011063)
9.05 Black Legion (1937, b/w) A car worker (Humphrey Bogart) is recruited by a secret racist group. With Dick Foran (47489732)
10.40 ***Nora Prentiss*** *(1947, b/w).* A nightclub singer ruins a doctor's life. Kent Smith and Bruce Bennet co-star (66556253)
12.45am The Great O'Malley (1937, b/w) A decent man turns to crime. With Humphrey Bogart. Pat O'Brien (59516480)
2.05 Alcatraz Island (1937, b/w): A gangster finds love (32640483)
3.20 Cowboy from Brooklyn (1938, b/w) Comedy with Dick Powell and Pat O'Brien (17345261). Ends at **5.00**

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Bonds and shares: Europe's markets in the line of fire


Greenspan: testimony

By Melvyn Marcus
City Editor

A DEFENSIVE marking down of gilt-edged securities and share prices is expected when trading starts on the London Stock Exchange this morning following the dramatic sell-off which swept international bond markets and spilt over into equity markets late last week.

Dealers, over the weekend, took the view that there is little likelihood of City institutions being panicked into a big selling operation, but admitted that volatile trading conditions are inevitable throughout Europe. Market makers are set to cut blue chip quotes and widen spreads in an effort to deter would-be sellers.

All eyes will be on Tokyo's overnight performance in the wake of Friday's bloodbath on Wall Street which saw US bonds slide as highly leveraged US hedge funds — caught out by the recent decline in global bond markets — attempted to liquidate. Much of the sell-off focussed on the futures markets where Transatlantic hedge funds have built up large leveraged positions.

With Wall Street closed for the President's Day holiday, European bond markets are in the direct line of fire, with London and the Continent forced to wait until Tuesday afternoon to take a cue from New York.Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman, is scheduled to deliver his testimony on monetary policy to a Congressional committee on Tuesday. Any indications of the Fed's thinking in respect of US inflationary pressures — and the consequent likelihood of further upward adjustments in short term interest rates — will dominate sentiment in world financial markets.

The headline "Fear of Fed tightening puts bonds into tailspin" from Citibank gives the flavour of the bank's latest circular to clients. Citibank stresses that Greenspan's Humphrey-Hawkins testimony will be the "main focus" for Wall Street this week. According to Citibank: "As long as the Fed is looking to tighten, Treasuries will continue to weaken." Long-dated US Treasury bonds suffered a steep fall for the second consecutive session on Friday, with the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond rising to 6.6 per cent, the first time it has broken through 6 per cent since last July. A warning from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia that inflation was taking off locally sparked fears that Greenspan's perspective may prove not dissimilar. If so, another upward tweak in US money market rates, raised from 3 per cent to 3 1-4 per cent two weeks ago, cannot be ruled out. As the bond sell-off gathered momentum, US industrial shares also came under pressure, with the Dow Jones industrial average registering a 35-point drop to 3,887.46.

In London, long-dated gilts fell by £1 1-4, while a sharp markdown of blue chips left the FT-SE 100 index 42.7 points lower at 3,382.6. Similarly, Frankfurt went sharply into reverse. Tuesday will prove a testing session for the US bond market which faces an auction of $17 billion of two-year bonds, followed on Wednesday by an $11 billion five-year bond auction. A £2.5 billion gilt auction is scheduled in London on Wednesday.

Speculation that major US investment banks have suffered severe losses in global bond markets persist. Recent reports that Goldman Sachs has been hard hit were categorically denied by the bank. A further sell-off in futures will serve to heighten mounting anxiety over regulation of derivatives markets.

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MGN lifts bid in fight for Independent

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

■ Tony O'Reilly has rejected the Mirror Group consortium's fresh offer for Newspaper Publishing and does not rule out counterbidding or lifting his stake

DIRECTORS of *The Independent* will meet today to discuss a £73.7 million bid from a consortium led by *Mirror Group Newspapers*.

Board members of Newspaper Publishing (NPP), owner of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*, received copies of the offer documents at home yesterday.

The revised bid values the company at 350p a share and marks a turning point in the long-running takeover battle, which has caused months of uncertainty at the company, and sent sales of the two papers spiralling downwards.

The offer from the MGN-led consortium — which already controls 47.1 per cent of the company and includes NPP's main shareholders, *La Repubblica* of Italy, which is controlled by Carlo de Benedetti, *El Pais* of Spain, and Andreas Whittam Smith, founding editor of *The Independent*, matches the cash price paid by Tony O'Reilly's Dublin-based Independent Newspapers, for 24.9 per cent two weeks ago.

Announcing the bid, Prince Carlo Caracciolo, of *La Repubblica*, said: "The future of *The Independent* will best be secured through an association with a strong UK newspaper group. MGN offers the greatest benefits in this regard." The bid, which is worth 100p per share more than the consortium's original cash offer made a month ago, offers shareholders £104.30 in cash and 135 ordinary shares in MGN (valued at 182p) for every 100 ordinary NPP shares. In theory, it would give the Southern Europeans 50 per cent, MGN 40 per cent, and the directors 10 per cent of NPP.

Should, as seems likely, the bid be only partially accepted,the Spanish and Italians have undertaken to ensure the Mirror Group has a stake of at least 25 per cent, so long as their own combined shareholdings do not fall below their current level of 37 per cent. The shareholding NPP directors will agree to sell all but 3 per cent of their holding to MGN if necessary, to enable it to achieve 25 per cent. A spokesman for Schroders, which is acting for the Southern Europeans, said MGN could walk away from the deal if it did not get 25 per cent.

David Montgomery, chief executive of MGN, confirmed that the plans involved moving the staff of *The Independent* to Canary Wharf, East London, and offering his company NPP's printing contract.

A spokesman for Mr O'Reilly rejected the MGN offer. "We are not in this for the short-term," he said. It is understood that Mr O'Reilly has not ruled out the possibility of making a full bid.

His representatives are expected to discuss the possiblity of buying at least another 5 per cent of NPP shares when they meet representatives of Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, on Tuesday.

Although DTI rules on newspaper takeovers prevent Mr O'Reilly taking his shareholding above 25 per cent without a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Mr Heseltine could approve the deal if he believes the newspaper would otherwise fold. Members of the MGN-led consortium are to meet separately with the DTI this week to seek a similar takeover assent.

The board of NPP, which is to hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, has refused to recommend the MGN-led bid because the consortium would not guarantee to offer the same price in the event of a successful MMC enquiry. Yesterday's developments, however, make a compromise deal between the rival bidders more likely.








Clockwise: David Montgomery, Andreas Whittam Smith, Tony O'Reilly and Carlo de Benedetti

Granada threat to jobs at LWT

By Carl Mortished

LONDON Weekend Television staff could face a round of job cuts if Granada's £800 million bid for LWT Holdings succeeds on Friday. Alex Bernstein, Granada's chairman, has written to LWT shareholders urging them to accept its revised offer, valued on Friday at 784p a share, and he emphasises that Granada has identified significant scope for savings if the two television franchises are merged.

Job cuts are likely to fall hardest in administration and transmission. Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, said: "Television businesses are largely made up of people and you don't need two lots of administration."

Much of the bid battle between the two ITV companies has focused on Granada's alleged cost-savings from the merger and Sir Christopher Bland, LWT chairman, said yesterday that Granada would be unable to save more than £5 million from the merger. "The real earnings enhancement comes from growth in LWT," he said. He expects Granada to lose by some 5 to 7 per cent of the shares voted.

Sir Christopher, who stands to receive over £14 million should the offer succeed, said that by not accepting the bid, LWT's managers were putting themselves under pressure to perform. "We have chosen the opposite of the easy way out and all 32 of the senior managers have accepted that." he added. LWT's management and employees own some 10 per cent of LWT's shares, which could lead to a payout of up to £80 million.

Granada's chairman is today reminding LWT investors that their shares were worth 375p before Granada's offer. His letter states that LWT revenues will come under greater pressure as a result of growing competition from Channel 4, cable and satellite.

LWT's chairman will be making a written response to the Granada letter this week.

Graham £200m debut

SHARES in Graham Group, the builders' merchant being floated off by BTR, are expected to be priced at around 175p when the offer for sale is launched tomorrow, valuing the group at just over £200 million (Neil Bennett writes).

The price will be fixed this evening, depending on the performance of the stock market, but Graham's advisers are planning to sell the shares on a narrow discount to Wolseley and Travis Perkins, the other quoted builders' merchants, to raise as much money for BTR as possible.

The offer will be pitched lower than many analysts are expecting, mainly because they have underestimated the group's debts and interest costs. Some are predicting that Graham will be worth up to £240 million. The pathfinder prospectus showed Graham had debts of £19.6 million at the end of last year. This is misleading since many builders settle their accounts at the end of the month. In fact, the group has average borrowings of around £26 million.

The offer price will value Graham at 18 times current year earnings, on operating profit forecasts of £19 million.

BAe on course to cut loss

By Neil Bennett

BRITISH Aerospace is expected to take another step towards recovery on Wednesday when it reports its results for 1993. The group is believed to have reduced its losses to between £130 million and £160 million, compared with its record £1.2 billion loss in 1992.

John Cahill, the chairman, who is due to leave after the annual meeting in April, is coming from his home in America to present the figures and face hostile questions about the £3.2 million profit he stands to make on his share options.

BAe returned to profits before exceptional items in 1993, but will be pushed back into losses by a £225 million provision on its turbo-prop leasing book which it announced earlier this month. Despite being in the red for the third year running, BAe will signal confidence in its recovery by increasing its dividend. The City is anticipating a 10 per cent lift to 7.7p. The figures are said to contain no surprises.

The City is eagerly awaiting details of BAe's off balance sheet finance commitments, which the group has promised to reveal. Richard Lapthorne, the finance director, will for the first time show the extent of BAe's lease, foreign exchange and sales finance commitments and the risks it is exposed to. Mr Lapthorne will also stress the financial freedom the group has won through the £800 million sale of Rover to BMW at the beginning of the month.

BAe may also give further details on the sale of its space division. The group is negotiating a disposal to Lord Weinstock's GEC, which is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

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Banker backs Epsom bid

By Our City Staff

A PROMINENT merchant banker and the head of Betterware, the door-to-door kitchenware sales company, have emerged as the latest figures in the £30 million bid battle for Epsom racecourse, home of the Derby.

Tony Solomons, chairman of Singer & Friedlander, and Andrew Cohen, chief executive of Betterware, are said to be supporting Stan Clarke, the owner of Uttoxeter racecourse, in his bid for United Racecourses, the company that owns Epsom, Sandown and Kempton racecourses. Both men are keen racegoers and Singer & Friedlander and Betterware are major race sponsors.

Mr Clarke, who also chairs St Modwen Properties, a property development company, is said to have formed a syndicate of powerful businessmen to back and finance his bid for United, which is being sold by the Levy Board. The support of Mr Solomons and Mr Cohen will enhance his chances of success in the bidding, since it demonstrates he has the financial backing to buy and run the loss-making racecourses.

Mr Clarke and the other shortlisted bidders must submit their final offers to Lazards, the merchant bank handling the sale, by Saturday. Reports came out this weekend that P&O, the shipping and property group and one of the three other shortlisted bidders, may pull out of the contest. The other bidders are Racecourse Holdings Trust, Britain's largest racecourse operator, and Sunset & Vine, the media company that is interested in the television rights to the three courses. Both are still keen on United and are putting the finishing touches to their bids.

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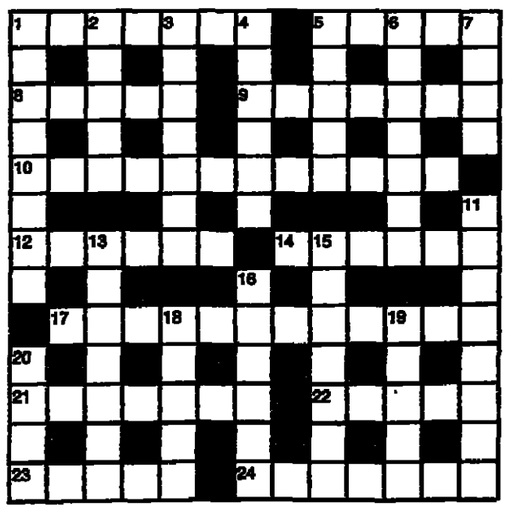
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 94

ACROSS
1 With expressionless face (7)
5 Stick (5)
8 Torment (5)
9 Cause of downfall (7)
10 Pale marsh-light; elusive phantom (4-1-3-4)
12 Esoteric (6)
14 Kine (6)
17 Situation liable to collapse suddenly (5,2,5)
21 Stock held back (7)
22 16th century royal house (5)
23 Display of temper: field (5)
24 Made fast (7)

DOWN
1 Useless people (4,4)
2 Coral reef (5)
3 Salary bill (7)
4 Zero (6)
5 Sprinkle with drops (5)
6 Matching jumper and cardigan (4,3)
7 Close by (4)
11 Carefully considered; stately (8)
13 Thwarted (7)
15 Austere (7)
16 The North Wind personified (6)
18 Poor; repentant (5)
19 Extra clause to document (5)
20 Let slip (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 93

ACROSS: 7 Slav 8 Ill-treat 9 Fiercely 10 Hole 11 Gazebo 13 Anneal 15 Stigma 17 Lascar 19 Maul 21 Obsolete 23 Idee fixe 24 Moue

DOWN: 1 Claimant 2 Averse 3 Mire 4 Play ball 5 Urchin 6 Saul 12 Oratorio 14 Acanthus 16 Gilded 18 Salami 20 Aida 22 Seen

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By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Ashby - Parr, Hastings Challenge 1994.

White has a useful attack on the open h-file. How did he make the most of this?

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Word Watcher

By Philip Howard

CAVALLY
a. A mackerel
b. Horsemanship
c. In a high-handed manner

CONVIVE
a. Symbiotic
b. A feaster
c. To come back from the dead

PRETORIUM
a. A commander's tent
b. Pay parade
c. Central gable of a temple

RIVEL
a. A lacustrine fish
b. To repent or regret
c. A wrinkle

Answers on page 33